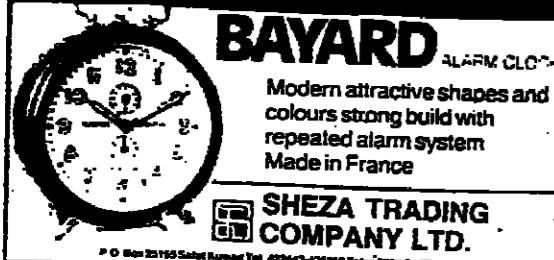


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Murder charge

SEOUL, May 1, (AP): Five elementary school children were in custody on charges of killing a nine-year-old classmate for refusing to give them 15 cents, police said today.

The victim, Suh Kwang-Chan, was grabbed outside of his school in the rural city of Kohung in southern Korea last Friday, police said.

Five other boys demanded that each of them 100 won (about 15 cents). The boy, too, Suh, fled to a mountain with his friends. After he refused, beat him with bamboo sticks and buried him alive after he stumbled while trying to flee, police said.

Security tightens

ISLAMABAD, May 1, (Reuters): Pakistan has tightened security at airports after a clandestine group threatened to hijack a Saudi Arabian airliner, the official APP news agency reported yesterday. It quoted security officials as saying the Interior Ministry had received the threat early this month from the group calling itself "soldiers of justice."

Postponed

CHANDIPUR, May 1, (AP): The launch of India's first intermediate-range ballistic missile was postponed today for the second time after another last-minute technical hitch, officials said.

A government statement issued at the missile centre here said the launch was called off because computers detected a data error in one of the rocket's sub-systems.

27 feared drowned

CALCUTTA, May 1, (Reuters): Twenty-seven people were missing and feared drowned after a ferry capsized off India's West Bengal coast yesterday, police said.

They said 14 people swam ashore but the ferry capsized in a storm off the port of Hooghly, 100 km (60 miles) from Calcutta, but there was no sign of the remaining passengers.

Income tax

TOKYO, May 1, (Reuters): A Lebanese businessman made a record Japanese income tax payment of 6.85 million yen (\$51.5 million) after selling a block of land in Tokyo last year, a government official said today.

A spokesman for the National Tax Administration Agency said Abdel Hadi Deeb, representative of a Tokyo trading company, topped the nation's list of income tax payers.

Arab GNP \$385.5b

ABU DHABI, May 1, (KUNA): The Arab gross national product by the end of 1987 reached \$385.5 billion with the average per capita income amounting to \$1908, the unified Arab economic report indicated.

The report, the most trustworthy and documented report prepared by four official Arab bodies and obtained by KUNA, said that the rate of proven Arab oil reserves to that of the international one had reached 57.2 per cent, while the rate of overall Arab crude production to the global one stood at 21.6 per cent.

Smoking remedy

WASHINGTON, May 1, (KUNA): Researchers have found that a special "nicotine patch" did a "remarkable" job in helping most of a test group of smokers to quit. In a six-week study last fall, 77 per cent of smokers not treated with the nicotine stopped smoking. Dr Richard Hurt, director of the Mayo "smoking cessation" clinic, told reporters.

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INTERNATIONAL

Chinese students denounce dialogue

BEIJING, May 1, (AP): Student protest leaders today angrily denounced two government meetings with selected students as attempts to placate them without offering any of the democratic reforms they seek.

"We don't recognise this 'dialogue,'" a spokesman of the independent student association that has been leading the protests told a news conference.

"We demand a dialogue based on the principles of equality and

openness, conducted directly between democratically chosen student representatives and government decision-makers," said the spokesman for the United Association of Beijing Universities. He did not want his name used for fear of government reprisals.

Wang Dan, a student leader at Beijing University, the nation's most prestigious school, called for establishment of a nationwide independent student group

and indefinite continuation of the class boycott begun last week by about 75,000 students in Beijing and nearby Tianjin.

The government set up the weekend meetings in an effort to end two weeks of student demonstrations, including the largest protest marches in 40 years of communist rule. The students are demanding sweeping democratic reforms of China's tightly controlled political system, including a free press, and

an end to official privileges and corruption.

The student spokesman expressed anger over the government's refusal to recognise the United Association as the students' representative in the meetings.

Instead, the government selected 45 students to take part in Saturday's meeting with Education Minister He Dongchang and other senior officials.



Women get right to vote

WOMEN of Appenzell Outer-Rhodes are to be allowed to vote in the Canton's annual parliament following a historic and controversial all-male decision at the parliament's solemn open-air ceremony Sunday.

Neighboring Appenzell Inner-Rhodes is now the only Swiss canton, or state, which denies women the right to vote on local issues.

Proposals to give women the vote were rejected

four times in the past 17 years by the direct-representation parliament, or Landsgemeinde, in Appenzell Outer-Rhodes, and many had predicted that Sunday's vote in the 50,000 population canton would go the same way. Picture shows (left) women are kept back from the voting arena by Swiss Army troops for the last time. Right, with a show of hands, men vote to allow women to vote. (Reuter wire-photos).

Cut of 1,100 warheads

US Navy to reduce N-arms by 5 per cent

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Millions mark May Day with pageantry

End ethnic division, urges Pravda

MOSCOW, May 1, (UPI): Millions of workers around the world marked May Day with parades, pageantry and protests today, while communist giants China and the Soviet Union issued pleas for unity and an end to political and social unrest.

More than 100,000 people waving red banners, balloons, flags and flowers marched through Moscow's Red Square in a colourful display of international solidarity among workers.

With Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev and other members of the ruling Politburo perched atop Lenin's tomb, wave after wave of workers and school children paraded past in a traditional demonstration in praise of work and the Communist Party.

Similar marches took place in virtually every major town and city across the Soviet Union and in scores of other countries around the world.

The Communist Party daily newspaper Pravda marked the day with a call for an end to ethnic divisions in the Soviet Union that have led to recent violent clashes in Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaijan.

In its May Day editorial, Pravda said the celebrations should remind all Soviets of the need to continue to work together to find a solution to the nationalities problem.

In Beijing, authorities issued a May Day appeal urging workers to support stability in the face of two weeks of student unrest and asking them to be patient with the serious problem arising from the nation's economic reforms.

Hu Qili, one of the five members of the powerful Communist Party Politburo, told a meeting of 2,000 workers that the reforms would "achieve nothing if social stability is not guaranteed."

In the Philippines, thousands of workers pressed demands for wage increases in marches and rallies across the nation, but President Corazon Aquino rejected the pleas, saying a pay hike would set back economic gains.

Police said more than 20,000 workers massed Manila's seaside Rizal Park, where conservative and leftist labour groups held a joint rally in a show of unity in efforts to press Aquino to grant a 30-peso (\$1.50) increase in the daily minimum wage of 64 pesos (\$3.20).

The underground leadership of the Palestinian uprising in the Israeli-occupied territories in its latest leaflet called for a day of demonstrations and clashes against soldiers and settlers.

Police normally tolerant of political gatherings on Moscow's popular Arbat pedestrian mall grabbed leaders of several underground groups selling their magazines yesterday, the eve of the official May Day holiday.

More than ten thousand Japanese labourers today celebrated the first of May by demanding an investigation of political scandals, elimination of taxes and consumer goods and wage increases.

11 million labourers participated in popular marches, rallies and gathered to listen to 1200 speeches throughout Japan.

Crewmen missing

TOKYO, May 1, (AP): Three crewmen on US Navy submarine were washed overboard today off Japan's southwestern island of Kyushu, and two remained missing, US military officials said.

One of the three men who fell from the 2,145-ton Barbel was rescued later, but the other two were still missing late today, the US forces media liaison office said in a news release.

About 20 workers were arrested, police said.

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Call for protests

Seoul deters 6,600

SEOUL, May 1, (AP): Militant labour groups today called for major protests after the government arrested some 6,600 people to block a May Day rally in Seoul. Workers and students battled riot police in three cities.

The national headquarters for labour struggle, an alliance of militant trade unions, said it would hold a major rally in the southern port of Masan and nearby Changwon today after protesters attempted to stage May Day rallies there, police said. Some protesters set fire to wooden barricades to hold police back.

Labour organisers also urged workers at more than 800 companies across the nation to stop work every afternoon through Thursday to stage rallies.

Police said today that about 6,600 people were arrested in Seoul during the weekend. Protesters battled riot police in running street clashes in Seoul yesterday after 20,000 troopers blocked a rally called by labour groups to mark May Day.

Riot police firing tear-gas battled about 5,000 striking workers in Masan and nearby Changwon today after protesters attempted to stage May Day rallies there, police said. Some protesters set fire to wooden barricades to hold police back.

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China removes Stalin portrait

BEIJING, May 1, (Reuter): As China prepares to welcome Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev this weekend, a portrait of Stalin is not peering at Tiananmen Square in the heart of Beijing on May 1, International Labour Day.

"It is a symbol of a reassessment that has to come," said an East European source in Beijing.

Twice a year, on May 1 and Oct. 1, China's National Day, Stalin's picture has joined Chinese revolutionary Sun Yat-Sen and members of the Communist pantheon, Marx, Engels and Lenin, on public display.

This year only Sun Yat-Sen, father of the revolution that overthrew the Manchu dynasty in 1911, is honoured in the square, gazing across at Mao

Tsetung, whose portrait hangs permanently on the Gate of Heavenly Peace.

Stalin has been almost completely repudiated in the Soviet Union for his mass purges and executions. His crimes are under almost daily critical examination

by the Moscow media.

In China, he is still officially honoured. His name adorns streets, parks and public squares in China's northeast, where Soviet armies took the surrender of Japanese troops in the closing days of World War Two.

Only with respect to Latin America did a sizable group, 44 percent, say communism is becoming more of a threat to the security of the United States. Marxist rule in Nicaragua; communists rule in Cuba and are waging insurrections in Colombia, El Salvador, Peru and other Latin American countries. (Reuter wirephoto)

NEWS IN BRIEF

Politicians meet
KHARTOUM, May 1, (Reuter): A delegation of prominent southern Sudanese politicians will meet rebel leaders in the Ethiopian capital, Addis Ababa, today. Khartoum newspaper reported.

The English-language weekly Forward said the delegation was led by Abel Alier, a former president of south Sudan and vice-president of Sudan.

Guerrillas killed
WINDHOEK, Namibia, May 1, (AP): South African-led soldiers have killed two guerrillas in at least one battle since they began searching for rebels who refuse to leave northern Namibia under a UN peace plan, sources said yesterday.

The sources, who asked not to be identified, said there has been at least one battle within the past 24 hours between the government forces and Nationalist guerrillas of the South-West Africa People's Organisation (SWAPO).

IRA arms cache
LETTERKENNY, Ireland, May 1, (Reuter): Irish police said yesterday they discovered a major IRA arms cache near the border with Northern Ireland.

The find included five rifles, three handguns, 2,600 rounds of ammunition, grenades, bomb timers and semtex explosive thought to have been smuggled from Libya.

Aid for rebels
WASHINGTON, May 1, (Reuter): The White House chief of staff said in a television interview there was documentary evidence that President Bush did not seek aid for the Nicaraguan rebels during a 1983 meeting with the president of Honduras.

Chief of Staff John Sununu said a State Department cable from then-US ambassador to Honduras John Negroponte supported the administration's contention that Bush went to Tegucigalpa only to discuss US assistance with President Roberto Suazo Cordova.

Visit to China
BEIJING, May 1, (AP): Taiwanese officials arrived today for the first visit to mainland China by a Nationalist delegation since their defeat by the communists in 1949.

The delegation will attend the annual meeting of the Asian Development Bank, opening in Beijing Thursday.

Name, flag changed
BANGKOK, Thailand, May 1, (AP): The Vietnamese-installed government in Kampuchea has changed the country's name and flag in what appears to be conciliatory moves toward the guerrilla resistance.

The official Cambodian news agency SPK said today that yesterday, the National Assembly unanimously adopted amendments to the constitution under which the name "People's Republic of Kampuchea" was changed to "The State of Cambodia."

Campaign
Solidarity founder Lech Walesa, opening the opposition's campaign for June 4 parliamentary elections, said Poland has yet to achieve democracy but has taken a "considerable step in this direction."

Walesa, standing atop a barrel (picture above) outside St. Brygida's Roman Catholic church after Sunday mass, introduced the eight Solidarity candidates for the Gdansk area to a crowd of more than 7,000 people. (Reuter wirephoto)

Many see Latin American communism as a growing threat: US poll
NEW YORK, May 1, (AP): Many people in the United States regard communism in Latin America as a growing threat to US security, but most view communism elsewhere with far less suspicion, a media general-associate press poll has found.

Communists today marked May Day, the international workers' holiday, with parades and other shows of solidarity. But respondents to a US poll said by nearly a 3-1 margin that capitalism holds more sway in the world than communism.

INTERNATIONAL

Of data dilemma and information anxiety

It's better for you to say 'I don't know'

NEW YORK, May 1, (AP): If the stock market has you baffled, if the Richter scale has you dizzy, if you're likely to lie about having read that 550-page report still sitting on your desk, you've got information anxiety.

Richard Saul Wurman, the fast-talking author of a new American book on the subject, believes thousands, perhaps millions, of people suffer from the condition.

"It's saying, 'I just can't keep up.' It's that feeling of pressure. You know it, I know it. Admit it, everyone does," he says.

"It's that feeling that Jerry Smith down the street can put together the bicycle and you don't know how, that they can programme their VCR (videocassette recorder) to record things 14 days ahead of time and you can't... that he's read the big,

fat report sitting in your box and you can't because it just doesn't make any sense, so you have to lie and say, 'Oh yeah, that was a pretty good report.'

That, says Wurman, is what society's latest high-tech malady has done—turned humans into masses of lying, quivering jelly brains, too afraid to admit they don't know or don't understand.

Wurman argues that information anxiety is a result of the societal demand that everyone become well-rounded culturally, coupled with the fact that much of the information being dispersed does not really inform.

"It's just stuff, or data, and I refer to it as the non-information explosion," he said.

Wurman blames the education system. He says schools teach that "it's better to say 'I know' than 'I don't know.' It's better to answer a question than ask a question

... A longer report is a better report." His new book is aimed at calming anxiety sufferers by providing such commonsense ideas as:

- Allow periodicals to stack up before ripping out individual articles of interest, thereby reducing a preponderant pile to small stacks of what Wurman calls "interest shards." The idea: if there's less to look at, there's less anxiety.

- Make a list of terms you use or hear often, but don't really understand (computer lingo, market futures, the Richter scale) and make a point to learn what they mean, one at a time.

- Never nod your head at something you don't understand. Practise saying, "I don't understand," in front of a mirror. The sooner you admit you don't know, the sooner you can actually learn.

Wurman admits his book is full of a lot of things that people always knew, but having them published "gives it the kind of justification to say it out loud for the first time."

Wurman is an architect by training but is better known as an architect of information.

"I realize how ignorant I am. I'm more knowledgeable about my ignorance than perhaps anybody I know. When I don't understand things, I often do a book about them," says the 53-year-old writer, who has turned his thirst for knowledge into a thriving business.

The result has been 26 "access" books that include guides to the 1984 Olympics, medical terms and his latest, a guide to the Wall Street Journal, which walks readers through a jungle of financial jargon.

Paper withdrawn

Fusion men rap nature 'scandal'

SALT LAKE CITY, May 1, (AP): Two scientists who have been taken aback by attacks on their experimental claims of room-temperature nuclear fusion have lashed out at the source of the latest rebuff — the British scientific journal *Nature*.

Fusion researchers B. Stanley Pons and Martin Fleischmann said the prestigious *Nature* forced them to withdraw their paper and made inaccurate statements, and that one editor was "mumbling in the dark," the *Desert News* quoted them as saying in Sunday's editions.

On March 23, Pons, a chemistry professor at the University of Utah, and Fleischmann, of England's University of Southampton, announced that an experiment involving palladium and platinum electrodes immersed in heavy water had yielded energy indicating nuclear fusion had taken place. Heavy water is like ordinary water except that ordinary hydrogen atoms have been replaced by deuterium, a heavier cousin or isotope of hydrogen.

Further, the scientists claimed the so-called "cold fusion" experiment had yielded more than four times the energy needed to produce it. Previous attempts at fusion have involved extremely high temperatures.

While laboratories around the world have duplicated the experiment and reported similar results, others have reported failures and critics have remained unconvinced.

Nature, in an April 27 edition

that contained several articles on fusion, speculated that the Utah experiment was fatally flawed and will never be verified.

"The Utah phenomenon is literally unsupported by the evidence, could be an artefact and given its implausibility, is most likely to be one," wrote John Maddox, editor of the 120-year-old magazine.

Pons said *Nature* had dipped to "sensationalism of the worst type.

I have never in my life seen such a scandal by a scientific journal to discredit two people. They have a privileged position that they are using."

Fleischmann criticised *Nature's* repeated accusations that he and Pons leaked to reporters their intent to submit to *Nature* a scientific paper on their experiments.

Untrue.

"At the (March 23) press conference we stated it was quite incorrect to discuss the name of the journal we were submitting to because it would restrict the freedom of action of the editor," Fleischmann said.

"It could have only come from other people submitting papers, or from reviewers or the staff of *Nature* itself," he said. "I think it's an impertinence that *Nature* feels itself entitled to repeat an allegation which is untrue."

They said that on the same day they made their announcement, they submitted a preliminary paper to *Nature* and met *Nature's* requirements for submission.

After the researcher's more lengthy scientific paper was published in the *Journal of Electrochemical Chemistry*, Pons said, *Nature* requested substantially more information.

One killed, 14 hurt in shooting spree

Gunman questioned

WHITLEY BAY, England, May 1, (AP): Police today were questioning a 22-year-old civil servant who went on a 15-minute shooting spree in an English coastal town, killing one man and injuring 14 people, officials and news reports said.

Witnesses said the black-clad gunman strolled through the streets of Monkseaton, a fashionable suburb of the Whitely Bay seaside resort in northeast England, firing a double-barrelled shotgun at anyone within range.

The victims included several churchgoers returning from a Sunday morning service, a cyclist, a couple driving by in a car, a man mowing his lawn, a woman who opened her front door and others who peered out their windows, officials said.

The first ambulance officers who arrived on the scene came under fire themselves, and had to dive for cover to escape injury.

"He was having a go at any person he met," said Ken Heads, superintendent of the Northumbria ambulance service.

"I have never seen anyone so calm and totally in control — he was like a robot," said a resident, 40-year-old Jane Boyd.

Witnesses said the gunman was dressed all in black, with dark sunglasses and his hair in a pony tail. They said he wore an ammunition belt around his waist, had a hunting knife strapped to one leg, and stalked the streets, pausing only to shoot and reload.

The gunman, who had driven to the suburb just before midday, drove away after the rampage. A policeman chased him in an unmarked car and arrested him without incident outside a pub.

Police said they had arrested a 22-year-old man from Whitely Bay, but did not identify him and provided no immediate motive for the shootings. The man apparently did not know personally any of the people he shot, they said.

News reports identified him as a civil servant who lived with his parents a mile (1.5 kilometres) from the shooting scene.

The tabloid Sun reported he regularly went clay-pigeon shooting with his father and quoted a neighbour, Harry Stepphenson, as saying, "You couldn't hope to meet a more

engineer, said he grabbed a spade from a garden and chased the gunman, but did not manage to confront him after his family was fired on in their car. Holloway, his wife, Heather, and 6-year-old son, Adam, escaped injury.

British Home Secretary Douglas Hurd has come under increasing pressure to introduce tighter curbs on shotguns. British police federation has called for new laws to solve the continuing threat.

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Scientists make a breakthrough in fighting leukemia

adult T-cell leukemia.

"We're very pleased. What we've shown is this is the piece for sure," said Dr. William Haseltine of Harvard Medical School, who headed the research.

"It's really a breakthrough we've been working on ever since we've known about this virus," said Haseltine, chief of the division of human retrovirology at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston.

HTLV-1, which stands for human T-cell leukemia virus Type 1, is most common in the Caribbean, Japan, Africa and Central America. Although the virus and disease are relatively rare in the United States, the virus is believed to be spreading, mostly among US intravenous drug users.

The virus is in a class of viruses known as retroviruses, which includes the virus that causes the deadly disease AIDS. Like that

virus, it is spread primarily through sexual and blood-to-blood contact.

In a paper published in the latest issue of the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, Haseltine's team worked with researchers at West Germany's Erlangen University of Erlangen to find the genetic mechanism the virus uses to trigger the abnormal growth of immune system cells, called T-cells.

BOSTON, May 1, (UPI): Scientists have identified the genes a virus apparently used to cause a deadly type of leukemia, a finding that should lead to new ways to fight the disease and perhaps other forms of cancer; it was reported yesterday.

An international team of researchers said it had demonstrated the so-called "X region" of the genetic material in a virus known as HTLV-1 is the device that enables the virus to cause

Kuwait to form anti-illiteracy committee

Contributions towards international year in 1990

KUWAIT, May 1, (KUNA): Education Minister Anwar Al Nouri issued a decision yesterday calling for the formation of the Kuwait Committee for the International Year of Illiteracy Eradication in 1990, under the chairmanship of Education Undersecretary Abdul Rahman Al Khodari.

The decision entrusts the committee with setting up an integrated and comprehensive plan for the national and official efforts toward Kuwait's contribution in preparing and executing the appropriate activities and programmes for the international year.

The committee will co-ordin-

ate documents and information received from UNESCO and the Arab apparatus for the eradication of illiteracy and other Arab and international bodies on the annual celebration and will also prepare a variety of programmes in co-operation with the competent authorities to increase awareness of the illiteracy

problem. It will also publish a booklet aimed at highlighting Kuwait's contribution to the celebration, in addition to preparing a report on the committee's activities.

The committee groups Education Assistant Undersecretary for Information and Student

Affairs Abdel Mohsen Al Saeed, Director of the Department for Adult Education and Eradication of Illiteracy Abdul Aziz Al Najdi, in addition to 33 members representing the various departments at the ministry and government institutions, non-profit organisations and banking institutions.

Charitable organisations can help

Help stop beggars call to residents

KUWAIT, May 1, (KUNA): A number of government authorities have called on citizens and expatriates to co-operate with them to fight the beggar menace and help arrest them. A responsible source at the Interior Ministry has called on citizens to stop giving money to beggars who have spread themselves in mosques, roads, markets and housing areas.

He added that existing charitable establishments in the country can distribute alms and donations to poor people. Begging is considered an uncivilized phenomenon and against Islam, the source said.

KUNA reporters who observed beggars at a mosque found that some women who came for the express purpose of begging brought children with them to collect money from worshippers after end of prayers.

They went to houses nearby after completing their work in the mosque. The women kept their faces covered most of the time but were seen removing their veils after completing their rounds of house to house begging.

Networks

Undersecretary of the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Mohammed Naser Al Hamdhan described the phenomenon of begging as a job aiming to collect money easily. He added that there are gangs and networks running these beggars who distribute them over mosques.

He added that his ministry tried fighting this phenomenon through the Friday sermons at mosques which explained to worshippers the necessity of not giving money to these beggars.

The ministry also prevented these beggars from entering mosques or stand near them. Beggars should go to the social and charitable societies and organisations if they need money.

But he expressed his sorrow that some citizens protect these beggars by preventing security men from arresting them or take



A young girl seen begging outside a mosque in Kuwait.

absence of co-ordination among relevant authorities beside the citizens who are not aware of dangers posed by these beggars.

Zakat House has tried several times to help put an end to this phenomenon. It called on these beggars to visit the house and submit applications to receive donations that they deserve, Hamdhan said. But they did not respond to the call except one who put up a condition to get a monthly donation of KD450 if he stopped begging.

This shows that beggars get too much money from begging

Hamdhan pointed out that relevant authorities should co-operate to put an end to this problem and provide solutions for it. Citizens can play an active role in stopping this phenomenon by withholding alms and referring beggars to Zakat committees of mosques and other charitable establishments which can help them and give them the money they need, he said.

Charity

The director-general of Zakat House Fuad Al Omar said that beggary is considered a crime. Begging can be accepted if there is no charitable establishment or committee that are established for helping poor people he said.

Begging in a country full of charitable establishments is considered an insult to the country beside posing security hazards because these beggars go to houses and that can encourage them to steal these homes, he added.

He referred the problem to the

which means that they aim to make a fortune and not only to eke a living. Hamdhan suggested the setting up of a committee from ministries of Awqaf, Social Affairs and Interior as well as Zakat House to study this phenomenon and fight it.

Director of Social Services Department of Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour Mohammed Al Subaie has said that the department has observers to chase and arrest beggars at mosques.

But he added that some citizens prevent them from performing their job believing that these beggars need help. He added that the Ministry of Social Affairs takes care of all needy people whether they are Kuwaitis or non-Kuwaitis which refer them to Zakat House for help and support.

He added that some people who get donations from Zakat House beg to increase their income. He added that many of these beggars do not have residence permits and are a threat to security.

Meanwhile the director of security at the Capital Governorate Colonel Salman Hassan Abdul Raheem has said that the governorate has work teams which continuously fight the beggar menace teams receive notification from citizens so that these beggars can be arrested red-handed. The Interior Ministry refers Kuwaiti beggars to the Ministry of Social Affairs to stop the social donation given to them by the ministry and deport the non-Kuwaitis, he said.

Agricultural credit to farmers

THE General Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fisheries will provide a total of KD700,000 as agricultural credits to facilitate farmers to obtain agricultural machineries, good quality wheat seeds and chemical fertilisers.

A source at the authority told a local daily that agricultural experts will provide farmers with the required guides for the cultivation of wheat.

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Arafat tasks Israel to pull out forces

French Jews protest visit

DAR ES SALAAM, May 1. (Agencies): PLO leader Yasser Arafat has called for Israel to withdraw its forces from the West Bank and Gaza Strip before conducting elections it has proposed for the occupied territories.

In a hardline statement issued jointly with Tanzanian President Ali Hassan Mwinyi, the PLO leader also condemned Israel for the "arbitrary" confiscation of Palestinian lands and hailed those killed in the 16-month-old Palestinian uprising as heroes.

Arafat, winding up a two-day visit to Tanzania, said 730 Palestinians have been wounded, 5,800 have been disabled by severe blows and 32,000 are in "concentration camps."

Israeli soldiers also have destroyed thousands of acres of fruit trees and levelled thousands of houses, Arafat charged in a news conference.

In a later departure statement issued jointly with Mwinyi, Arafat accused Israel of having a "sinister" policy which has led to the arbitrary confiscation of Palestinian lands in the occupied territories.

He called for Israel to withdraw immediately from all of the occupied territories, including Jerusalem.

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's proposal for elections in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, put forward during a recent visit to Washington, is unacceptable as long as the territories are occupied by Israeli soldiers, Arafat said.

"You cannot have democracy without freedom," he said.

Arafat said he saw a "positive trend" in the new US administration of President Bush compared to that of Ronald Reagan. He welcomed the continued dialogue between the PLO and the United States opened by the Reagan administration, but cautioned that a real change in attitude would take time.

The Soviet Union has stepped up its diplomatic activity in the Middle East, significantly with the appointment of a new special envoy to the region, it was revealed in London today.

The emissary is empowered to conduct shuttle diplomacy along the lines favoured by the American State Department and carried out most recently under the Reagan administration by Richard Murphy, the Times newspaper reported.

A senior Soviet official yesterday dismissed Shamir's proposal for elections as an attempt to set up a puppet Palestinian government.

"I think Shamir's proposals are quite far from the Crux of the peace process and we opposed them... We think Shamir's proposal to set up a puppet government," Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennady Gerasimov told a news conference in Cairo.

"The elections would bring in Israeli agents," he added.

Jordan's King Hussein dismissed efforts to convene Middle East peace conference with a Soviet official yesterday, the state-run news agency Petra said.

The King's talks with Gennadi Tarasov, assistant to Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze, also covered Hussein's meeting with Bush in Washington last week.

Tarasov handed the king a letter from Shevardnadze on Middle East issues, including the Palestinian problem, Petra said.

An Israeli cabinet minister, meanwhile, said Israel should force democracy on Palestinians through elections. Minister-without-portfolio E-

Israeli tactics

Ready for long haul

GAZA CITY, May 1. (AP): Maj. Gen. Yitzhak Mordechai, a bull-necked, blunt-spoken veteran of three wars, says Israel's Army will outlast the Palestinians in daily street battles that have claimed at least 112 Arab lives in the Gaza Strip.

"We will never become tired. We will act as if the intifada is going to last for 100 years," he said. "It means the Israeli Army will carry out its mission with tenacity and sensitivity as long as it is ordered to do so by the government."

Mordechai, 44, head of the Israel's southern command, believes the only lasting solution to the Gaza Strip's chronic unrest is an international campaign to relocate the nearly 250,000 Palestinians who live in crowded refugee camps which spawned the Palestinian uprising.

Until that happens, Mordechai is prepared to dig in and direct the battle against the squads of Arab youths who throw stones at his cream-coloured Land Rover as it leads a convoy of jeeps through Gaza City's streets.

At a strategy session last week, Mordechai placed his black-handled .45 automatic on the desk in front of him and fired questions at two dozen field officers packed into a situation room. Should he close a school where students had rioted? What about the mosques?

Avi, a studious-looking major with wire-rimmed glasses, argued that classrooms should be kept open to encourage as normal a life as possible.

Asaf, a white-haired veteran with a paunch, proposed closing the school for a month as punishment. But he argued against shutting mosques, saying it could inflame Muslim fundamentalists. We don't want a holy war, he said.

Mordechai, who allowed a reporter to attend the review on condition he not quote soldiers verbatim, ended the debate with a lecture on the need to be sensitive during the holy month of Ramadan, when Muslims fast from dawn to dusk.

The Iraqi-born general recalled a recent three-hour meeting with Muslim elders in which Israeli officers, on his orders, refrained from eating, drinking or smoking in deference to the fast. He said the elders praised the Israelis afterwards for showing respect.

"We should use the same respect with the mosques," said Mordechai, who later demonstrated his fluency in Arabic by stopping to chat with Palestinian vegetable vendors and children on Omar Mukhtar street.

The Army has temporarily cut off access to six of the 60 mosques in the Gaza Strip and indefinitely shut 15 of the 260 schools. Officers say the schools and mosques have become rallying points for protesters since the Palestinian uprising began nearly 17 months ago.

Lebanon's foreign minister, Nabil Olmert, accused the PLO of pressuring local activists to reject Shamir's plan for elections but said he was not surprised.

French Jewish leaders have protested against Arafat's visit to Paris this week and are calling for mass silent vigils to honour victims of terrorism.

The PLO leader is scheduled to arrive tomorrow morning for a two-day visit, beginning with talks at the Elysee Palace with President Francois Mitterrand.

The representative Council of Jewish Institutions has appealed to the French to turn out in large numbers this evening in front of Jo Goldenberg's restaurant in central Paris, which was attacked by terrorists in August 1982.

Terrorists burst into the popular Jewish restaurant, spraying the place with machine-gun fire and killing six people, and injuring 21 others.

French ultra-right leader, Jean-Marie Le Pen said yesterday his movement, the National Front, stands against the visit of Arafat.

Talks between Mitterrand and Arafat will be an affront to Israel's friendship with France, Shamir said today.

BRIEFS

Egypt to produce fighter parts

BAGHDAD, May 1. (Reuter): Egypt has signed a contract to manufacture parts for the US-designed F-16 fighter plane, the head of its state-run armaments company said yesterday.

"The contract will allow Egypt to produce the F-16 parts... as a prelude for concluding major contracts in the future," said Lieutenant-General Ibrahim Orabi, chairman of Egypt's Arab Organisation for Industrialisation.

He said the contract was signed with a US company which he did not name.

Wrong sort of people

CAIRO, May 1. (Reuter): An Egyptian court has disbursed 78 deputies whose own parties said they were the wrong sort of people to have in parliament.

The parties charged after elections in 1987 that the Interior Ministry chose too many labourers and farmers from their lists of candidates and not enough intellectuals and professionals.

The opposition accused the ministry of giving the government an advantage in debate.

News on hostages

LONDON, May 1. (KUNA): The Archbishop of Canterbury has received news concerning the British hostages in Lebanon from a "contact" in Cyprus, it was reported here today.

Robert Runcie said it was optimistic that efforts to secure the release of his envoy Terry Waite, which have been in abeyance since the Salman Rushdie affair, would resume soon.

Kurds welcome Danielle

DIYARBAKIR, Turkey, May 1. (Reuter): Turkish Kurds gave Danielle Mitterrand, wife of French President Mitterrand, a warm welcome yesterday at the start of a potentially controversial visit to south-east Turkey.

Hundreds of well-wishers showered her with flowers, clapped, shouted greetings and waved French flags on her arrival at Diyarbakir airport.

Tabari dies in Tehran

ATHENS, May 1. (UPI): A founding member of Iran's pro-Moscow Tudeh (Communist) Party, Ehsan Tabari, died in Tehran of heart and kidney failure at age 72, the official Islamic Republic News Agency said yesterday.

Tabari, who helped found the Tudeh Party in 1941, and had to flee Iran six years later after an assassination attempt against the late Shah, died on Saturday in a Tehran hospital of heart and kidney failure, after doctors struggled for 45 days to save him, IRNA said.

After living in exile for more than 30 years in the Soviet Union and East Germany, Tabari returned to Iran when the 1979 revolution brought spiritual and political leader Ayatollah Khomeini to power.

12-day holiday for Eid

NICOSIA, May 1. (Reuter): Saudi Arabia begins a 12-day public holiday today as the holy month of Ramadan draws to a close, the official Saudi Press Agency reported yesterday.

The festival of Eid Al Fitr, marking the end of the Muslim fasting month, is likely to begin on Friday or Saturday, depending when the new moon is sighted.

Government offices, banks and many private businesses will be closed until May 13.

Drug traffickers executed

NICOSIA, May 1. (Reuter): Iran hanged 10 drug traffickers in public squares in Tehran and three other cities yesterday, the Iranian news agency IRNA reported.

An Islamic revolution committee commander said earlier this month that more than 430 drug smugglers had been executed since a new drug law came into effect on January 21, IRNA, received in Nicosia, reported.

Those executed yesterday had handled at least 480 kg (more than 1,000 pounds) of opium and had previous records for fraud and theft, IRNA quoted a statement from the Iranian anti-drug headquarters as saying.

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Emergency refugee airlift in full swing

Kuwaiti envoy meets Mauritanian President

NOUAKCHOTT, May 1. (Agencies): Kuwait's State Minister for Foreign Affairs Saoud Al Ossami last night met President of Mauritania Maouya Ould Sid Ahmed Al Taye and discussed with him the clashes which recently broke out between Senegalese and Mauritanians.

An official source said here that Ossami, who arrived yesterday, came to Mauritania to discuss the problem which erupted between Senegal and Mauritania.

HH the Amir of Kuwait, the

current chairman of the Organisation of Islamic Conference, sent Ossami to Nouakchott to deliver a message to Mauritania's President.

The Kuwaiti envoy will also visit Dakar, Senegal, to deliver a similar message to President Abdou Diouf.

Ethnic violence has flared again in West Africa as an emergency airlift between neighbouring Senegal and Mauritania brought home thousands of refugees from the harassment.

Transport planes from France, Spain and Morocco carried about 5,000 expatriate Senegalese and Mauritanians to their homelands yesterday amid reports of continuing violence against Mauritanians in the Senegal countryside. Algeria was due to join the airlift later with four military transport planes.

Since Friday, more than 50 Mauritanians have been killed in Senegal by angry mobs retaliating for the slaying of an estimated 200 people — most of them Senegalese — last week in

Mauritania, according to unofficial reports.

The ethnic violence apparently was triggered by a border dispute between the two West African nations. The airlift was aimed at ending vendetta attacks against the expatriate Mauritanian and Senegalese communities in both countries.

There have been no reports of anti-Senegalese attacks in Mauritania since a bloody, two-day rampage last Monday and Tuesday. The government says it has no total of dead and injured,

but unofficial reports say as many as 400 people were killed.

A dusk-to-dawn curfew declared on Tuesday in Nouakchott remained in effect yesterday.

In Dakar, scattered pillaging of Mauritanian-owned shops continued over the weekend despite a dusk-to-dawn curfew there.

Elsewhere in Senegal, 12 Mauritanians were reported killed in the region of Touba, according to informed sources.

May Day protests

8 injured in Turkey

ISTANBUL, May 1. (Reuter): At least eight people were injured in clashes between police and demonstrators during banned May Day marches in Istanbul today, hospital sources said.

Eyewitnesses said police fired warning shots in the air to disperse marchers shouting slogans of outlawed leftist groups.

Clashes were reported near Istanbul's main Taksim Square, where several hundred not police, backed by helicopters and armoured cars, had been on alert since dawn.

"We have one very seriously injured person... the other seven are trauma victims," a doctor at Taksim Hospital said.

"It seems they had been in a fight," another hospital source said of the injured.

More than 600,000 union workers, seeking wage rises of around 200 per cent over two years to compensate for inflation, had planned to attend rallies in Istanbul, Ankara and Izmir.

Authorities last week banned all May Day protests and drafted in extra police to Turkey's major cities.

Save environment, Pope urges world

Malagasy woman beatified

ANTANANARIVO, Madagascar, May 1. (Agencies): Noting the grave ecological problems facing this Indian Ocean island nation, Pope John Paul II has called for an international effort to combat the destruction of the environment.

"It is urgent that the international community give itself both the legal and technical means to guarantee the protection of the environment," the pontiff said yesterday on the third day of Madagascar visit.

John Paul was to leave this afternoon for the nearby French island of Reunion, before heading tomorrow for Zambia then Malawi.

Saving this 225,000-square-mile (583,000-square-kilometre) island that split from the African mainland more than 150 million years ago has become a priority of many international environmental groups.

Ninety per cent of the island's plants and animals are found nowhere else, including hundreds of species of orchids and 29 species of lemurs, small primates whose name derives from the Latin word for ghost because of their nocturnal habits.

The destructive farming methods of the island's population, constantly seeking fresh terrain to plant rice and other crops, has caused massive deforestation.

Some Iranian and Western political analysts believe that at least part of the answer is that Tehran wants to divert domestic public opinion from growing economic hardships like inflation and unemployment.

They say Iran would lose little if ties were broken with West Germany, which had relatively cordial relations with Tehran until the Salman Rushdie affair erupted in mid-February.

And if Bonn made conciliatory overtures, the analysts said, Iran would gain because the united stand taken by the European Economic Community over the Rushdie affair would quickly disintegrate.

Last November, Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher was the first senior foreign official to visit Iran, accompanied by a large group of West German industrialists, following the August ceasefire in Iran's eight-year war with Iraq.

West Germany had by then become Iran's biggest non-oil trade partner and the industrialists were looking forward to huge contracts to rebuild Iran's shattered economy.

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ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

NOTHING is really work unless you rather would be doing something else — Sir James Barrie, Scottish writer (1860-1937).

Calypso see-saw

Manley back in power

By Jerome L. McElroy

THE return of socialist Michael Manley as Prime Minister of Jamaica in February's decisive electoral victory over Edward Seaga, the so-called "Caribbean Reagan," suggests widespread popular discontent among the island's 2.3 million inhabitants over Seaga's pro-market economic policies. Despite heavy doses of capitalist medicine — rising tourism, open trade, aid, and reduced taxes and government intervention — average living standards for Jamaica's poor majority have continued to decline between 1980 and the present. The same erosion in per capita incomes occurred before Manley followed roughly the opposite policies between 1972 and 1980, and was ousted by Seaga.

Why this political see-saw in Jamaica, and in the Caribbean arena generally?

Stable, pro-capitalist, pro-Western democracies do not easily thrive atop fragile island economies. These unstable economies cannot support a broad, permanent middle class that would, in the electoral process, ensure the continuity of political moderation.

In the British West Indies the past two decades have witnessed dozens of elections that have effected the peaceful transfer of power toward relatively moderate governments. But there have been notable exceptions: socialist regimes in Jamaica and Guyana, and the Marxist experiment in Grenada.

Much of this political discontinuity is due to harsh Caribbean economic reliance on tourism and a few exports like bauxite, sugar, bananas, and spices. Such industries are overly sensitive to recessions in industrial countries, their primary markets. This instability is further intensified by commodity price fluctuations, currency realignments, and periodic natural disasters.

For example, when health-conscious Americans shift to artificial sweeteners, the Caribbean sugar industry is thrown into depression and long-term layoffs. When the dollar falls in value, essential imports from Europe become unusually expensive. Hurricanes like last summer's Gilbert devastate agriculture and disrupt communications for months. It may take years to rebuild destroyed housing stock and commercial facilities.

Economic instability strains the democratic framework. Periodic crises promote the flight of capital and the emigration of entrepreneurs and middle-class professionals who have the most to lose from persistent vacillations and long-term uncertainty.

What elements are left after the exodus? First, there is intense political participation, not only because of high literacy rates and small country size, but also because political expression has always been more accessible than economic mobility. Second, political dissatisfaction runs deep because the dominant problems of unemployment and imported food and fuel inflation are beyond local solutions. Third, repeated failures to improve the situation produce repressive tactics by incumbents to quell discontent as well as a propensity for political experimentation among dissidents.

These ingredients provide a recipe for sometimes volatile political changeovers as the pendulum of power swings back and forth between coalitions led by the conservative, pro-market mercantile elite and the more left-leaning popular parties embracing urban labourers and the rural poor. These low-income groups, the base of Manley's strength in Jamaica, for example, frequently form an electoral majority that can rock the traditional system. Because of their economic marginality, they have weak attachments to existing political arrangements.

As a result, in the absence of a middle-class stronghold and in a climate of continuing economic crisis and political frustration, the machinery of democracy has no built-in tendency to keep it on course. Since economic benefits are limited and not widely shared, there is no guarantee of a permanent electoral majority to ensure political stability and continuity. Moderate socialist or even avowedly Marxist regimes can occasionally suffice.

To help modify the economic instability and political fluidity of the region, US policy should firmly establish a long-term commitment to bolster the area's economy, rather than slip again into the familiar groove of short-term military interventionism (Cuba, Dominican Republic, Grenada) when matters get out of hand.

Such a commitment means first maintaining a vigorous US economy, since America is the region's foremost commercial partner. The Caribbean Basin Initiative — promising wider US markets, private investment, and aid — is a favourable first step. Between 1983 and 1988, Caribbean manufacturing exports into the US (mainly electronics and textiles) have doubled in value.

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PRESS REVIEW

Ambiguous Washington

ROME, (KUNA): A mass-circulation Italian newspaper has charged Washington with ambiguity and total contradiction toward the Palestinian cause despite the intensity of the Palestinian intifada and continuity of the bloodshed in the occupied lands.

In a lengthy commentary, daily Repubblica said that President George Bush, since he came to power, spoke of a practical peace initiative to resolve the Mideast conflict.

Yet, the paper added, Bush retreated before Israeli Premier Yitzhak Shamir's proposal of elections in the occupied lands without taking into consideration that such elections under the yoke of Israeli occupation would be impossible.

It said the US ambiguity was represented in Bush and his Secretary of State Baker's statements announcing on many occasions that the Israeli occupation of the Arab lands in 1967 must be ended but at the same time they rush to reject establishment of a Palestinian state.

Concluding, the paper said the US position did not budge and Europe must move immediately to help the Palestinians and their leadership, the PLO.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1526 — Protestant League of Germany is formed.
1536 — England's Queen Anne Boleyn is sent to Tower of London and eventually is beheaded.
1565 — Knights of St. John defend Malta from Turks.
1668 — Peace of Aix-la-Chapelle is signed between France and Spain.
1734 — Spanish Army under Don Carlos captures Naples.
1813 — Napoleon Bonaparte defeats Prussian and Russian armies at Lutzen, Germany.
1826 — Peter IV waives right of accession to Portugal's throne in order to remain in Brazil.
1895 — British South Africa Company territory south of Zambezi is organised as Rhodesia.
1933 — Adolf Hitler abolishes trade unions in Germany.
1945 — Berlin surrenders to Soviet forces in World War II.
1959 — Afro-Asian Organisation for Economic Co-operation, meeting in Cairo, Egypt, votes to exclude Soviet Union.
1963 — Chinese seamen rescued from freighter that sank in Yellow Sea claim their ship was torpedoed by unidentified submarine.
1967 — British Prime Minister Harold Wilson's Labour government decides to seek membership in European Common Market.
1986 — Sikh extremists kill seven people outside holy town of Amritsar, India.
1987 — Muslim rebels in the Philippines threaten to renew hostilities unless substantial progress is made in negotiations on autonomy for 23 southern provinces.
1988 — Children's hospital collapse in India's northern state of Kashmir, killing at least 14 people.



A Soviet soldier on duty in East Germany

Moscow's invisible Army

380,000 Soviet troops in East Germany

By Martin Nesiry

THE 380,000 Soviet troops in East Germany are by far Moscow's largest military contingent on foreign soil and probably its best-equipped.

They must also rank as just about the most invisible army anywhere.

Few regions of East Germany are without Soviet military installations packed with the latest tanks, fighter aircraft, missiles and other hardware — but these are always strictly off limits and often deep inside forests away from public view.

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(GSFG) has existed since 1945 and retains the name it took after the post-World War Two carve-up of the defeated Nazi reich.

The GSFG now comprises 10 tank divisions with over 5,000 tanks, nine motorised rifle divisions, an artillery division and associated specialist regiments. There is also an air force with 685 combat aircraft, including the latest MiG-29 fighter.

The Soviet contingent is more than twice the size of East Germany's total armed forces of 176,000 men.

"It's an awesome force to keep in a small country, although the GDR (East Germany) has immense strategic value on the East-West divide," said one Western military expert.

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important to the Russians, but the NATO would need to sell far more evidence and more cuts before they were convinced the switch in posture was for real and for good.

They and the journalists said just as enlightening for them were conversations with GSFG officers and soldiers.

One young lieutenant disclosed vodka had been on sale again in garrison shops since January after a four-year ban, but that conscripts were still barred from imbibing.

"If they do get out of the barracks, they'll do just about anything to get hold of a bottle. They sell watches or use their precious pay. They'll drink anything, even East German vodka," he said, wrinkling his nose with disdain.

Another officer, commander of three ultramodern T-80 tanks, lamented how his wife could not find work at the Soviet bases in East Germany. Married officers serve five-year tours.

One colonel said his wife avoided boredom by monitoring the Soviet press for him. "There's so much to read these days, so my wife picks out the best stuff for me," he said.

Surprisingly, the colonel let his junior officers ride in the bus taking journalists from one exercise ground to the next.

"Why not, if you can find a seat," he told a lieutenant.

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Musavi outlines policy

Iran may privatise hundreds of firms

NICOSIA, Cyprus, May 1. (AP): The government of Iran may sell hundreds of government-owned firms to the public, the official Islamic Republic News Agency said yesterday.

IRNA, monitored in Nicosia, said that Iran's latest reconstruction policy calls for selling off billions of dollars in firms deemed non-essential for public security. The report said public companies had been offered for sale before, but usually on a much smaller scale through sales of shares to employees.

IRNA said the new policy was outlined in a document published by the daily Resalat newspaper last week. It said the policy had been given by Prime Minister

Hussein Musavi to the planning and budget minister for inclusion in the country's next five-year plan.

The IRNA report said it was unclear whether the policy was final or when it would be carried out.

But it said the policy was approved by the High Council of Reconstruction, which includes members of the executive, judicial and legislative branches of government.

When the budget was debated last month, several parliamentary deputies criticised the government for holding onto profitable firms at taxpayer expense.

Priority in the sale of companies will be given to employees and the families of

those killed in the 8-year war with Iraq, the report said.

IRNA quoted the policy as saying: "The state sector including ministries, government institutions, banks, state companies, the national industries organisation, etc are obliged in a specific period of time to issue public tenders for the sale of all their profitable or non-profitable production, service and trade units, with the exception of important and strategic units, or offer their shares to the people..."

The policy paper also said priority should be given to repairing and expanding war-damaged oil industries and power plants. It said agriculture, the production of construction material and housing

should be the secondary priorities.

The oil sector should also concentrate on exporting natural gas, petrochemicals and other oil by-products instead of crude oil, IRNA quoted the policy paper as saying.

It also said financial resources from abroad could be used to for reconstruction as long as they were balanced with foreign exchange earnings.

The agency quoted the report as saying: "The use of foreign resources must be with the total preservation of the interests and sovereignty of the Islamic Republic and within the foreign policy framework of the country and without the creation of the slightest political dependence."

Energy File

Iran to build seventh oil refinery by 1992

NICOSIA, Cyprus, May 1. (AP): Iran has signed a \$1.8 billion contract with a consortium of Japanese and Italian firms for the construction of an oil refinery in the city of Arak, Tehran radio reported on Thursday.

The refinery, in central Markaz province, will be Iran's seventh, and will have a capacity of 150,000 barrels of oil per day, the radio said.

The broadcast, monitored in Nicosia, said that the signing of the contract was announced by Iranian Oil Minister Gholamreza Aqazadeh at a news conference in Tehran on Thursday.

According to the contract, the refinery is due for completion within 40 months, the radio quoted Aqazadeh as saying.

The oil minister said the agreement also calls for Iranian engineers to learn refinery design technology from the contractor while it is under construction.

The radio quoted Aqazadeh as saying state-of-the-art technology will be used in building the refinery.

Aqazadeh also said that oil exploration will start soon in the Caspian Sea.

He said that a contract had been signed with an unnamed Finnish company for manufacturing of drilling cranes and service ships from the offshore project. The company is believed to be the Rauma Repola Group.

The Caspian exploration project will be carried out with help from the Soviet Union, which also borders the inland sea.

Aqazadeh said negotiations for hiring a drilling crane from the Soviet Union will be completed next month, and that preparations for drilling will begin immediately, the radio reported.

Oil discovery

■ CAIRO, May 1. (OPECNA): A new oilfield, discovered south of Ras Ghareb in the Gulf of Suez, has been described as "significant", with promise of more oil in the area.

Egyptian Petroleum Minister Abdel Hadi Kandil has ordered the Gulf of Suez Petroleum Company, which discovered the oil, to begin immediate development of the oil field which is said to have an initial production potential of 4,300 BPD.

Fuel arrives

■ KATHMANDU, Nepal, May 1. (AP): Urgently needed fuel has begun to arrive in landlocked Nepal, easing a shortage created by an Indian blockade that began last month.

A Royal Nepal Airlines Boeing 727 landed Friday from Dhaka, Bangladesh, carrying 12,000 litres (3,170 gallons) of diesel fuel.

It was the first shipment of diesel fuel to reach the Himalayan kingdom after Nepal Oil Corp. was forced to turn to alternate sources of supply because of the Indian blockade.

Profit down

■ LOS ANGELES, May 1. (AP): Occidental Petroleum Corp.'s first-quarter profit was 50 per cent below last year's level, but the difference was attributed to one-time gains from a stock sale and a pension fund in the earlier period.

John Misquita
principal, St. Xavier's College, Bombay will be in Kuwait on May 03/04. All alumni and parents of students presently in Xavier's should kindly contact William Tel. 2484716 (off) or 4744753 (res.)

Baghdad won't exceed quota

Iraq's oil export capacity to rise

NICOSIA, May 1. (Agencies): Iraq's oil export capacity will reach 5.5 million to 6.0 million barrels per day (BPD) by the end of next year, Oil Minister Issam Abdul Rahim Al Chalabi was quoted today as saying.

He also told the Middle East Economic Survey (MEES) in an interview in Baghdad that Iraq now had an output capacity of 4.5 million BPD.

But he said it would not exceed its quota of 2.64 million BPD set by OPEC (the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries).

Strategy

I can assure you that it is the strategy and policy of Iraq not to pursue higher production regardless of prices," Chalabi told MEES.

MEES estimated Iraq's current export capacity at 2.3-2.4 million BPD. Chalabi said a second pipeline through Saudi Arabia, due for completion by September, would add 1,650,000 BPD, cutting Iraq's quota by 100,000 BPD.

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South or South to North," he said.

Chalabi also told MEES that he expected OPEC to agree at its June meeting to raise its output ceiling of 18.5 million BPD.

"It seems to me that an increase in the ceiling is something that is going to take place," he said. "Whether we will raise it to 19.5 million or 20 million BPD of any other figure remains to be determined."

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including production and price trends as well as co-operation amongst the GCC states to the benefit of OPEC producers and market stability."

The six Gulf Co-operation Council countries — the UAE, Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, and Saudi Arabia — met in Jeddah.

Their final statement did not refer to any stand on increased output quotas, an issue due to be taken up at an OPEC meeting in June.

Meanwhile, the state-run Baghdad Observer said yesterday that the Baghdad-based Arab Industrial Development Organisation is to build a \$120-million steel plant in Egypt.

The English-language daily reported that the Egyptian government will cover 31 per cent of the cost with the remainder funded by other Arab governments and private companies.

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An Austrian consultant firm, Austro-Plan has carried out feasibility studies for the project.

Iraq, which will have an annual steel requirement of around 107,000 tons annually by the end of the century, is working to set up several steel plants to feed its engineering industries.

Local industrialists have said the Ministry of Industry and Military Industrialisation is planning a major steel and iron plant with capacity of around one million tons yearly.

Porsche predicts higher profit

Sports car maker recovers from US slump

STUTTGART, West Germany, May 1. (Reuter): Sports car maker Porsche is back in the fast lane after two years of slow sales caused by the 1987 stock market crash.

"Our profits are going in the right direction again upwards," management board chairman Heinz Brantl told Reuters in an interview.

The revival is riding on strong demand for three new models and on cost-cutting measures by Porsche, whose cars are a symbol of elegance, engineering and the wealth to afford them.

Brantl said he expected Porsche's earnings per share to rise strongly above 20 marks (\$11) in the 1988-89 year to July 31 from 15 marks (\$8).

Porsche's pre-tax profit rose to 38 million marks (\$20.5 million)

in the first half of 1988-89, up from 32 million marks (\$17 million) in the same 1987-88 period.

Porsche, which used to export up to 65 per cent of its cars in the United States, saw its business fall dramatically because of stock market crash and weakness of the dollar.

"We had small quality weaknesses with a model in the past and I don't want that to happen again," Brantl said. "A customer can demand a perfect car for the price he has to pay."

The biggest sales fall in the first half of the 1988-89 period.

Brantl said he now aimed to stabilise US sales at around 15,000 cars a year.

He said demand for Porsche's three new models, the 911 Carrera 4, the 911 Speedster and the 944 S2 Cabriolet, was so high, deliveries could not be made in the current business year.

Morocco raises minimum wages

RABAT, May 1. (Reuter): The Moroccan government raised legal minimum wages by 10 per cent today as thousands of workers took part in traditional May Day parades.

Labour minister Hassan Abbadi said in a broadcast that the increase would enable workers to benefit from the country's economic performance last year when gross domestic product grew by 10 per cent and the inflation rate was kept to 2.3 per cent.

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Sony said the Sony advanced video technology centre, a forerunner of which was based in Palo Alto, California, is moving to neighbouring San Jose and will research HDTV applications for Hollywood's Motion Picture and Television industries.

Sony officials said engineers were already at work at the centre and the company plans to double its staff to 50 researchers, bringing it to one-third the size of a comparable operation in Japan.

Sony also plans to manufac-

ture the HDTV production equipment in America, building on the developments that come out of the research unit.

The announcement, coinciding with a major broadcasting convention in Las Vegas this week, was aimed at dulling some of the criticism Japan has received over its new technology.

US officials, seeking greater American participation in HDTV, have advocated government research grants for US companies. American Tele-

phone and Telegraph Co and Zenith Electronics Corp., the only major US manufacturer of televisions, are already operating in the field.

HDTV delivers television pictures with the clarity of film by increasing, under a Japanese standard, the number of horizontal lines on a TV image to 1,125 from 525.

Japan first began research into

HDTV in 1970 and has spent more than \$2 billion in the effort, analysts estimate.

John K. S.



A stock broker makes a desperate trading signal at the Tokyo Stock Exchange on Monday as shares rose to the fourth straight record closing of 33,793.17 after hitting a traded high of 33,880.75 (Reuter wirephoto)

Tokyo stocks hit record

Dollar climbs, gold eases

TOKYO, May 1. (Reuter): Subsidy fears of rising Japanese interest rates helped boost the Tokyo stock index to another record closing today, marking the fourth straight session of new highs.

Heavy industrial firms are typically rich in assets and some have heavy debts which become cheaper to service when rates are low or falling, they added.

But trading was only modest ahead of a series of three Japanese holidays this week starting on Wednesday.

The 225-share Nikkei index

closed up 79.82 points, or 0.23 per cent, to 33,793.17. On Friday, the index closed up 212.52 points.

"The most important factor affecting interest rates is prices. And consumer prices are comparatively stable," said a broker at one of Japan's big four securities houses.

Rising interest rates are not much of a worry as before," he added.

Interest-rate sensitive stocks dominated the advancing ranks, led by securities houses, real estate, transportation, steel, shipbuilding and other heavy industrials.

The nationalists have said they were unhappy with the formula

but did not protest from Beijing. They did not wear their hats on arrival this time.

Kuo said she would continue talks with bank officials on the name. Deputy delegation chief Hsueh Yu-Chi told reporters some form of protest could be expected during the three-day meeting.

Beijing official New China News Agency hinted at a possible dispute, saying in a report that if there were inconsistencies with the formula "it will be up to the Asian Development Bank secretariat to take necessary measures."

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WORLD STOCK MARKETS

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KINGFISHER	298.0
LADBROKE	559.0
LAND SEC'S	570.0
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ADT LTD	175.0
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AMSTRAD	117.0
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WORLD STOCK MARKETS

ARAB TIMES, TUESDAY, MAY 2, 1989

INTERNATIONAL BOND TRENDS

BERNE: Swiss Finance Minister Otto Stich said the Swiss government plans to adjust its stamp tax on securities transactions to bring Switzerland more into line with other countries. "Fiscal conditions in Switzerland should be equalised with those of foreign financial markets by way of relief for securities dealers, Eurobonds, the trading of bonds between foreigners and the money market," he said. (XLES 0832)

London: The Bank of Montreal is issuing a 100 mln dr Eurobond due May 23, 1990 paying 10 pct and priced at 101 pct lead. Parts: The State of New York is launching a 100 mln dr Eurobond due May 23, 1990 paying 10 pct and priced at 101 pct lead. London: Paribas International Finance NV is issuing a 50 mln dr Eurobond due June 7, 1995 paying 8-1/4 pct and priced at 101 pct. lead manager Banque Paribas Capital Markets said. (XLF 1413)

London: The Council of Europe is launching a one-billion-dr global medium term note programme, the largest ever by a supranational borrower. Daiwa Europe Ltd said as joint arranger. (DKUT 1440)

New York: Lloyds Bank is withdrawing a dealer of US government securities effective immediately, said Jorge Gamarra, chairman of the bond trading subsidiary Lloyds Government Securities Corp. (DKTR 1353).

Manila: Donors of the one-billion-dollar Philippine aid plan designed to underpin domestic economic recovery will gather in Tokyo in June to pledge commitments to the programme, Finance Secretary Vicente Jayme said. (XLFK 1020)

BOMBAY

	PR.CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	104	103.50	104	HUK IRON	122	122	125.50
ACC	309	310.50	311	GNFC	41.50	40.50	41.75	HAT INDEX	400.24	397.56	
ALEM CHEM	--	--	--	GRASH	132.50	134	135	NIPPON	40	40	41
ALW MTS	--	--	--	GSFC	143.75	145	146.25	NOCL	905	920	905
ARI FAB	--	--	--	GUJ ALKL	70	71	72	DRICAT	24.50	23.50	24.50
ASHOK LEY	84	84	84	GUJ HEAVY	14	12	14	OSVAL AGRO	81.25	80	77.50
ATLAS COP	205	202.50	201.50	HERZ HONDA	27	28	27	PEICO	28	27	28
AUTO CORP	47	47	46	HIND CIBA	1050	1045	1080	PIZER	75.50	75	80
BAJAJ AUTO	438.75	440	441.75	HIND COCOA	110	108.75	108.75	PONDS	192.50	188	191.25
BAR RAYON	490	492.50	485	HIND MOTOR	49.50	48.50	48.75	RAMBAY	116.25	112.50	116.25
BK BOND	152.50	150	152.50	HINDALCO	305	307.50	317.75	RAY HOOL	82	82	81.50
BLOW PLAST	--	--	--	HOECHST	880	880	870	RECKITT	191.25	185	191.25
BOK DYE	156	155.50	161	IND ORE	40.50	40.50	40.50	RELIANCE	154	156.50	156.50
BSE INDEX	781.24	770.90	IND RAYON	100	98.50	105	SESA GOA	49.50	48.50	49	
BURR WEL	217.50	210	215	INDROL	326.50	326.25	323.75	SHRI FIR	82.50	81.25	85
CANSHARE	190	195	200	INGERSOLL	365	350	360	SIEMENS	76	76	78
CEN ENKA	2800	2880	2850	JK SYN	89	88	87	SPIC	58.50	58	59
CEN SPG	1900	1900	1900	KIN ENGG	188.25	185	185	ST MILLS	320	325	315
COLGATE	352.50	352.50	347.50	KIN MTC	182	185	185	TATA CHEM	121	121	120.5
CRONT GR	945	900	940	KIR CUMG	76.25	74	75	TATA OIL	68.75	70	
DCM	13	12	15	KSB PUMPS	385	380	380	TATA POW	380	385	370
DEEP FERT	30.50	30	30	L A T	101.50	99.50	103	TATA POW	380	385	370
DUNLOP	57	50	57	LIPTON	83	81	80	TELECO	870	870	870
EI HOTELS	70	55	57	MAC RUSSEL	123.50	--	--	THAPP AGRO	--	--	--
ESCORTS	71	68	68	MAK COATS	99	97	99	TISCO	1432	1450	1455
ESKAYEF	140	137.50	140	MAKINDRA	108	109	107	VAM ORG	160	160	170
ESSAR SPG	24.50	24.24	24.25	MAS SHARE	20	20.75	20.50	VARIELI	31.25	30	32.50
FOOD SPPL	211.25	211.25	209.50	MICO	645	635	645	VOLTAIS	700	680	690
FORBES	50.50	49	50	MILKFOOD	260	250	250	YENCO	30	29.50	30
GAR POLY	76.25	76.25	76.25	MOCI	118.75	120	117.50	ZENITH	67	66	68
GE SHIPPING	45.25	44.75	44.25	MRF LTD	455	445	447.50	ZUARI AGRO	65	60	65

FRANKFURT

	STOCK	LAST PR-CLSE	STOCK	LAST PR-CLSE	MITSUB CP	1650	1640	MITSUB EL	1110	1080	MITSUB EST	2570	2550	
AEG	218.0	218.5	AIJINMOTO	2740	2750	SEKISUI	928	927	SEKISUI ELEC	150	150	SEKISUI HVI	1110	1120
ALLIANZ VR	1780.00	1801.0	AKAI ELEC	809	792	SEKISUI HVI	1110	1120	SEKISUI SEC	1180	1160	SEKISUI SEC	2440	2540
BADENWERK	190.2	190.0	AOKI	1510	1520	SEKISUI SEC	1180	1160	SEKISUI SEC	920	920	SEKISUI SEC	2440	2540
BASF	301.00	300.00	ASAHI GLS	2400	2440	SEKISUI SEC	920	920	SEKISUI SEC	985	985	SEKISUI SEC	2440	2540
BAUER	300.8	300.5	ASAHI OPT	905	920	SEKISUI SEC	985	985	SEKISUI SEC	985	985	SEKISUI SEC	2440	2540
BAUER VER	40.90	40.30	BANK TOKYO	1640	1650	SEKISUI SEC	1700	1660	SEKISUI SEC	1700	1660	SEKISUI SEC	2440	2540
BBC	443.00	443.00	BRIDGESTON	1610	1580	SEKISUI SEC	1360	1310	SEKISUI SEC	1360	1310	SEKISUI SEC	2440	2540
BHF	471.00	472.00	CANON	1590	1610	SEKISUI SEC	1830	1810	SEKISUI SEC	1830	1810	SEKISUI SEC	2440	2540
BHW	516.50	517.00	CASIO COMP	1380	1400	SEKISUI SEC	1740	1740	SEKISUI SEC	1740	1740	SEKISUI SEC	2440	2540
CONNERZBK	252.3	251.5	CITIZEN W	1080	1080	SEKISUI SEC	1670	1680	SEKISUI SEC	1670	1680	SEKISUI SEC	2440	2540
CONTI SUNN	265.0	264.8	D-ICHI KAN	3350	3350	SEKISUI SEC	950	958	SEKISUI SEC	950	958	SEKISUI SEC	2440	2540
DAIMER BEN	669.5	674.0	DAI NIP IK	965	970	SEKISUI SEC	1120	1110	SEKISUI SEC	1120	1110	SEKISUI SEC	2440	2540
DEUTSC BANK	554.0	564.5	DAI NIP PT	2540	2500	SEKISUI SEC	1540	1520	SEKISUI SEC	1540	1520	SEKISUI SEC	2440	2540
DLL	549.00	550.00	DAI NIP SC	1080	1100	SEKISUI SEC	3420	3400	SEKISUI SEC	3420	3400	SEKISUI SEC	2440	2540
DRESDNER B	326.0	324.1	DAI NIP TO	1070	1010	SEKISUI SEC	1140	1140	SEKISUI SEC	1140	1140	SEKISUI SEC	2440	2540
DT BABCOCK	164.2	165.5	DAICEL	1150	1140	SEKISUI SEC	1290	1290	SEKISUI SEC	1290	1290	SEKISUI SEC	2440	2540
F42 INDEX	577.99	576.50	DAIHAN SEC	2240	2210	SEKISUI SEC	3140	3080	SEKISUI SEC	3140	3080	SEKISUI SEC	2440	2540
FEUDENMEYER	354.5	354.5	EBRA MFG	2960	2960	SEKISUI SEC	1090	1090	SEKISUI SEC	1090	1090	SEKISUI SEC	2440	2540
GOSCHENHOF	392.00	390.50	ETAL	1430	1420	SEKISUI SEC	1300	1300	SEKISUI SEC	1300	1300	SEKISUI SEC	2440	2540
HOECHST AG	301.5	301.5	FUJITSU	3360	3380	SEKISUI SEC	928	927	SEKISUI SEC	928	927	SEKISUI SEC	2440	2540
HOSCHN	247.3	245.0	FUJI BANK	3440	3440	SEKISUI SEC	2250	2150	SEKISUI SEC	2250	2150	SEKISUI SEC	2440	2540
HORTEN	248.5	245.0	FUJI PHOTO	3440	3440	SEKISUI SEC	1770	1750	SEKISUI SEC	1770	1750	SEKISUI SEC	2440	2540
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Stringent laws needed to protect environment

Rich countries have moral duty to help Third World: Pope

ANTANANARIVO, May 1. (Reuters): Pope John Paul II said yesterday that advanced countries had a moral duty to pull Africa and the rest of the Third World out of poverty and underdevelopment.

The Pope also told diplomats on his last night in Madagascar there was an urgent need for stringent international laws to protect the environment, including the safeguarding of rain forests.

This huge island in the Indian Ocean has seen its living standards tumble over the past 10 years due to falling prices for agricultural exports and the destruction of lush rain forests which has left barren hillsides scarred by erosion.

The Pope said the world had to admit that "two thirds of humanity continues to suffer hunger and cannot reach a level of education allowing them to take charge of

their own progress."

In his tough and wide-ranging address to diplomats at the Vatican embassy, he said vast populations lived in conditions of dramatic inequality, malnutrition, disease and ignorance.

Adjustment

Like many other Third World countries, Madagascar has tightened its belt to undertake a painful economic adjustment programme recommended by the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

The austerity plan has slashed living standards, cutting spending on health and education and the country now faces increasing malnutrition and malaria in its heavily populated central highlands.

The needs of less prosperous nations, the difficulties which fill the lives of too

many human beings, are themselves an appeal for international co-operation," the Pope said.

He said short-term solutions, such as emergency aid, were not enough. The Third World had a dire need to benefit from a transfer of technology that could boost long-term development.

"Is not making knowledge available to all an element of justice?" the Pope asked.

He said recent improvements in East-West relations should now free up advanced countries to concentrate on the needs of the Third World.

The Pope also made one of his most specific appeals yet for the protection of the environment.

Last week at the Vatican he met the English rock star Sting, who is on a world tour to draw attention to the destruction of

Brazil's Amazon rain forest.

He told the diplomats international co-operation was needed to defend the world's forests, stop desertification, and halt the spread of toxic substances which hurt man, vegetation, and the atmosphere.

Protection

"It is urgent that the international community enact legal and technical means to guarantee the protection of the natural environment," he said.

Today the Pope concludes his four-day visit to Madagascar with a morning visit to Fianarantsoa, the hill-town where Catholic missionaries established their first base in Madagascar in the mid 19th century.

He will then leave for an overnight stop on the French island of Réunion before visiting Zambia and Malawi.

\$730m deal

UK WPP takeover to create giant ad firm

NEW YORK, May 1. (AP): Britain's WPP Group PLC says it wants to buy rival ad agency Ogilvy Group Inc. in a \$730 million deal that would create a giant advertising holding company tying with Britain's Saatchi and Saatchi PLC as the world's largest.

Ogilvy, the New York-based parent company of Ogilvy and Mather worldwide, said yesterday the offer was unsolicited and that the company wanted to remain independent.

However, an industry source with knowledge of the offer said that Kenneth Roman, Ogilvy's chairman and chief executive, had been in talks with WPP Group chief executive Martin Sorrell before the offer was made.

WPP, parent of the J. Walter Thompson Co. of New York, offered Ogilvy's management \$45-a-share cash for Ogilvy's 16.1 million shares, which includes exercised stock options. The deal was proposed in a letter from Sorrell that Ogilvy received late Friday, an Ogilvy spokeswoman said.

Sales

"Mr Sorrell's proposal letter to Ogilvy appears primarily to be a sales pitch which suffers from serious flaws in business logic," Roman said in a statement yesterday.

The boot-strap character of WPP's approach is further underlined by the lack of committed financing even for what is obviously intended to be a starting price," he said.

However, the industry source, speaking on condition of anonymity, said that Sorrell had provided Ogilvy with a letter from WPP's bankers certifying the availability of funding.

Roman said Ogilvy had record earnings and revenues in 1988,

and that it had no desire to be taken over. He said the company's directors would consider the WPP proposal "in due course."

London-based WPP confirmed its offer in a statement yesterday but declined further comment.

WPP had world-wide billings last year of \$7.8 billion, placing it third among the world's ad agency holding companies, according to Advertising Age, a trade publication. Ogilvy had billings of \$5.7 billion, placing it fifth. Combined, their billings would have about equalled Saatchi and Saatchi's \$13.5 billion.

Mergers

A WPP takeover of Ogilvy would be another in a series of mergers that have reshaped the world advertising industry in the past few years, reducing the number of agencies sharply.

The takeover also would be a personal triumph for Sorrell, who was the architect of much of the global expansion of Saatchi and Saatchi, where he was financial director until he left to form his own agency holding company.

Among WPP's major clients are Ford Motor Co., Quaker Oats Co., Kellogg Co., Eastman Kodak Co., and the Kraft operations of Philip Morris Cos. Inc. Ogilvy's major clients include American Express Co., Polaroid Corp., Seagram Co. Ltd., the Shell Oil Company and Unilever, the Anglo-Dutch consumer products company.

Petrol prices up

KUALA LUMPUR, May 1. (KUNA): The price of "regular" petrol throughout Malaysia will go up by US 1 cent of US 35.6 cents per litre from today.

A Trade and Industry Ministry statement said the increase was justified by rising costs of petroleum products and the strengthening of the American dollar against the Malaysian ringgit.

The prices of other petroleum products remain unchanged, the statement added.

Pentagon hot line sold to Swiss firm

UPPER SADDLE RIVER, New Jersey, May 1. (AP): The hot line, the link set up between Washington and Moscow more than 25 years ago to reduce the risk of an accidental war, has been sold to a Swiss firm.

The hot line was part of a division of Western Union Corp. of the United States sold last week to Swiss-owned Tele-Columbus USA of New York for \$56 million as part of a reorganization.

Western Union, which is based in northern New Jersey, kept the division's telex and international cablegram business.

Tele-Columbus is owned by Motor-Columbus AG, a telecommunications and cable television company based in Baden, Switzerland, Western Union spokesman Warren Bechtel said yesterday.

The hot line, which consists of satellite connections and ground lines, is secure because messages are encoded as they travel between the United States and the Soviet Union. Navy Lieut Cmdr James Cudia, a Navy spokesman, was quoted as saying in Saturday editions of the *Star-Ledger* of Newark.

Hotline messages are transmitted from a small room in the Pentagon housing computer terminals. They instantly appear on Soviet screens, and can be printed out at the rate of 1,000 words a minute. Five years ago, the ability to send facsimiles was added.

Voice conversations are considered more likely to be misheard or mistranslated.

ITT Corp. set up the hot line in 1963 after President Kennedy expressed concern about the amount of time it took to contact Soviet leaders during the Cuban missile crisis.

New kind of business contract

Weapons co-development seen as wave of future

CHICAGO, May 1. (Reuters): Critics in Congress say the US should have sold a jet already in production, which would keep US assembly lines running longer. They also fear that Japan will be getting technology that could bolster their commercial aviation industry.

President George Bush, when announcing the \$7 billion deal on Friday after months of delicate negotiations, said US technology — especially the on-board computer codes — will be tightly protected as it is transferred from General Dynamics and other American firms to Mitsubishi.

Analysts said the agreement would not only keep Japan from building an aircraft of its own, but would also provide the US with access to Japanese technology.

But the joint development plan with Japan could inspire other US customers to demand the same, they said.

"The people who will really be watching this programme closely are the Europeans, the Koreans and others in the Pacific rim such as Singapore, where they're trying to build their aerospace capabilities," said an industry source.

Rather than just buy US-made jets or other weapons, they will try to trade on their strengths in technology or even cheap labour rates in sale negotiations, he said.

Japan has the most leverage now because of its trade surplus, enormous wealth and advances in high technology.

Nicaragua devalues currency

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, May 1. (AP): The government yesterday announced the 14th official devaluation of Nicaragua's national currency this year.

The Sunday communiqué from the Central Bank of Nicaragua said it was devaluing the national currency known as the cordoba by 2.89 per cent. The announcement came on the eve of May Day, an international workers' day celebration.

After the devaluation, it will take 6.90 cordobas to buy a US dollar.

The leftist Sandinista government has imposed severe economic-austerity measures since January, including the periodic devaluation of the national currency, to fight the country's hyperinflation and increase the value of agricultural goods for export.

Today is the grand opening of

ZAINAH CENTER IN FAHAHEEL

To reduce pressure on ZAINAH Center in Salimiya and provide our respected customers in the 10th area enough opportunity, we invite the public to attend the inauguration party of the second branch of

ZAINAH CENTER in Fahaheel on TUESDAY, May 2 at 8.00 P.M.

Fahaheel — Coastal Road behind the Hungry Bunny and Pizza Italia. Jassem & Nader Al Dabbous Bldg.

Politicians talk about changes

California's spending limit under scrutiny

SACRAMENTO, California, May 1. (UPI): Like Rip van Winkle, the limit on government spending that Californians adopted a decade ago in the aftermath of the great tax revolt lay dormant for years.

But when the soaring inflation of the late 1970s finally slowed and the golden state's diverse economy picked up steam, the California treasury slammed into the spending ceiling.

The initiative that curbs government budgets generally requires that any revenues above the ceiling go back to taxpayers. The result: \$1.1 billion worth of tax rebate checks arrived in mailboxes across the state at the height of the 1987 Christmas season.

The 1979 voter-passed proposition 4 restricted increases in public spending by local governments as well as the state to a rate matching California's population growth and inflation.

But as the initiative approaches its 10-year anniversary in November, it is coming under increasing scrutiny, even by the business interests that originally backed it.

Because inflation soared in those early years and the population still grows by nearly 2,000 people daily, the limit has risen 132 per cent since its adoption. Still, critics argue the restrictions have failed to keep pace with economic expansion, crimping highway spending and other needed investments.

Offspring The spending ceiling, promoted by anti-tax crusader Paul Gunn, at first seemed an innocuous offspring of the voter backlash that brought about proposition 13.

Coming a year after California voters slashed their property taxes at the urging of Howard Jarvis and Gunn, proposition 4 had little organised opposition in the climate of high inflation, soaring housing prices and record-high interest rates.

Sixteen other states, most of them in the West, adopted tax and spending limits during the next four years as the anti-tax movement spread. Most of the restrictions were tied to growth in state personal income. But in California, the spending ceiling was pegged to a conservative standard for gauging inflation. Critics now argue that standard has failed to accurately reflect available revenues or the cost of running government.

A recent study by the national association of state budget officers discovered most of the state spending limits have had little actual effect on curbing taxes or spending.

"The overall condition of state economies and structure of state tax systems, in combination with

Colt firearms to be sold

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"It was a business decision," said spokesman Mike Dunn of the move to sell a major piece of American history best summed

up by the post-civil war slogan: "Abe Lincoln may have freed all men, but Sam Colt made them equal."

He declined to say how much the division earned last year, what it might sell for or when a sale might be expected.

The company, which earned \$91 million on sales of \$1.66 billion last year, went private last June in a leveraged buyout.

Egypt boosts crude prices

CAIRO, May 1. (UPI): Egypt raised its crude oil export price yesterday by 35 cents a barrel, the Egyptian Petroleum Authority announced.

The authority said the premium Suez blend will sell for \$17.75 a barrel as of today.

The medium-grade Balata and Ras Badran crudes were priced at \$16.90 and 15.75 a barrel respectively, and the heavy Ras Ghareb crude will sell for \$15.45 a barrel, the authority said.

Egypt, a key non-OPEC country, has stabilised its crude oil export prices in the past two weeks.

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Sudan rejects IMF request for devaluation

KHARTOUM, May 1. (Reuters): Sudan has rejected an IMF request for a massive devaluation of its currency, a government official said yesterday.

He said Sudan had also turned down a request to cut deficit-financing borrowing from the Bank of Sudan (central bank).

The official said International Monetary Fund officials in Khartoum for talks on economic reforms asked that the pound be devalued by 166 per cent and that the two-tier exchange system be abolished.

The official, who spoke to Reuters on condition he not be named, is taking part in the talks which began on Monday.

But Finance and Economic Planning Minister Omar Nour Al Dayem said in remarks published on Wednesday that the IMF had made no such proposals during the negotiations. He added

that the government had no intention of devaluing the pound.

Talks

He said the talks centred on the budget for the fiscal year 1989-90 which begins on July 1.

Sudan has, as of October, introduced a two-tier exchange system, doubling the official rate of 4.50 pounds to the dollar to choke off the foreign currency black market and attract remittances of Sudanese expatriates into legal banking channels.

Police also cracked down on black marketeers but illegal trading in the dollar later rebounded and the US currency now sells at about 20 pounds.

Sudan, grappling with famine, war and an estimated \$13-billion foreign debt, last held talks with the IMF in November. The fund declared Sudan ineligible for fresh credits in 1986.

A new round of talks had been scheduled for January, but did not take place because of a political crisis that led to the break-up of the coalition then in office.

The IMF, to which Sudan owes some \$1 billion in arrears, wants Khartoum to introduce politically sensitive reforms including cuts in government spending and privatisation of loss-making state enterprises.

At least six people were killed and scores injured in street protests in late 1987 when Sudan devalued its currency by more than 40 per cent as part of a package of economic reforms agreed with the IMF.

In recent months, foreign and Sudanese economists say, Sudan has borrowed heavily from the Bank of Sudan, mainly to finance a long-running civil war in the south and reconstruction in areas hit by last August's floods.

McLatchie, who sees a string of jobless families telling stories of debt, desperation and depression, said: "Hardship has escalated here on a phenomenal scale. There is an increase in alcohol abuse directly related to social hardship."

"Ninety per cent of the people who come in here have high-stress factors. It is a crucial issue. I see a lot of separated couples and broken marriages through financial problems," he told Reuters.

"Sometimes it is easier to walk away from a wife and four kids or vice versa," he added.

British government schemes for paying unemployment and welfare benefits have recently

been streamlined, but McLatchie is critical of the changes. "The government are giving with one hand and taking it back with three. The unemployed are worse off."

He said the number of houses cut off for failure to pay electricity bills had gone up 40 per cent to 2,500 in the last 12 months. "There are just so many people who get into debt," he said.

Police, fearing ambushes, are often reluctant to venture into some ghettos without hefty support from British soldiers.



Seawater Professional

In the Olympic year of 1988, Omega introduced a reasonably-priced diving watch measuring up to professional divers' standards. The names OMEGA and SEAMASTER are linked closely with the world of sports and the spirit of competition. The new Seawater Professional represents top performance in Swiss watchmaking technology. It is super water-resistant (to 200 m, double water-resistance system) with a screwed-protected crown, a notched one-way rotating bezel. Its other professional qualities: scratch-resistant sapphire crystal, luminous contrasted dial and hands, high precision quartz movement with battery EOL indicator, bracelet with foldover safety clasp and extension for wear over the diving suit sleeve. The Seawater Professional is available for men and women in three different sizes in all steel or in steel and 18k gold versions.

Piano recital

KUWAIT Sheraton Hotel, in co-operation with the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany, will present the famous pianist, Klaus Zoll at the Riccardo Restaurant on May 9, 1989.

One of Germany's most outstanding pianists, Klaus Zoll made his concerto debut at the age of twelve in Frankfurt, where he began his studies. He received private tuition from Wilhelm Backhaus before moving to London to continue his studies at the Royal Academy of Music and won the German Chamber Music Competition and the 1969 International London Competition Festival. In 1974 he was invited to represent Germany at the International Glasgow Arts Festival and has performed at most major music centres in Europe.

Klaus Zoll's repertoire includes the entire works of Beethoven, Chopin and Liszt and his recordings will soon include Rachmaninov concertos. Klaus Zoll has been described as a performer with stylistic finesse, courage to show expression, sense of style and a dialogue so convincing so full of harmonious maturity, it turns the concert into an unforgettable experience.

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11.30 Al Madrasa Al Mohamadiya: religious programme
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12.30 Cultural Film
1.00 News Summary
1.05 The World via Satellite
1.35 Sherlock Holmes
2.00 Qanadeel Shabiyah: historical serial
3.15 Ashra'at Al Iman: religious programme
3.35 Habab Wanar: Arabic Serial
4.30 Ramadan Competition
5.00 Ashwaqi Bila Hudood: Arabic serial (Part 11)
6.30 Safinat Al Asida: cartoon serial
7.00 Bas'a'd Al Iftar: Hadith Dine
7.15 Al Tama'een: local children serial
8.15 Muslims in Taiwan: information programme, presented by Sameer Altoni
9.30 Ramadan competition
10.00 News in Arabic
10.50 Khoth Wa Khal: local serial
11.45 Assakum Min Ewadah
12.00 Al Thuluthiya (Naib Mahfouz): daily Arabic serial

1.00 Al Arousa Wa Bahr Al Dam: Arabic feature film, starring Nura, Saed Abdul Ghani, Ahmad Rateb, Sabri Abdul Muneem

2.15 News summary
2.20 The World via Satellite
2.50 Holy Quran and Closedown

KTV 2

8.00 Opening and Holy Quran
8.10 Islamic Horizons
8.20 Cartoons

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES



A scene from 'Captain Power' on KTV 2 at 8.30 pm today.

British team members continue their training on how to encounter difficulties in case of being arrested and interrogated.

11.00 Bustin' Loose: "Sue Anne" draws a picture about "Good & Evil", but her teacher excludes her from the contest ... What are Sonny's plans to convince the teacher for accepting the picture...

9.45 Medical Science: In Islam. A special programme on the occasion of Holy Ramadan.

10.30 The Fourth Arm: The

adians who developed the giant wrap-around film projection format. Every scene is so realistic that some people have to close their eyes. Some actually feel ill.

1.00 News Summary
1.05 Magazine D'Actualite: Holy Quran / Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

30 Meganix

2200 Newsbeat

2300 World News

09 Commentary

15 Concert Hall

1000 Songs and Music
1200 Arabic Music
1300 Easy Listening
1330 News on FM Service
1340 Easy Listening
1400 Classical Music
1600 Easy Listening
1700 Indian Hour
1800 Pop
1900 Heller Steller
2130 News
2200 Indian Classical Hour
2300 Easy Listening
2400 Instrumental Listening
0200 Closedown

FM Services

1000 World News

09 Words of Faith

45 The Baroque Concerto (ex 2nd and 9th Sing Gospel)

1400 Outlook, opening with 5-Minute News

45 The Baroque Concerto (ex 2nd and 9th Sing Gospel)

15 A Jolly Good Show

1600 World News

09 News about Britain

15 Orpheus

16 The World Today

1700 World News

09 Commentary

15 Bring Your Own Popcorn

45 Sports Roundup

1800 Newsbeat

00 News Summary followed by Outlook

25 Financial News

30 Development '89

2600 World News

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Khashoggi's Marcos connections

What's a million or two between friends?

By Charles Brenner and Andrew Lycett

The flickering home videos come from another age. There, in one mid-1980s scene from a family party at the Malacanang Palace, Imelda Marcos croons sweetly to a smiling Adnan Khashoggi. In another, the old friends dance to the flickering lights of a disco in Manhattan, the island where humiliation would later unite them.

As glittering stars among the world's most flamboyantly opulent, it was natural that Khashoggi, the Saudi millionaire turned "merchant-statesman", should strike up a close friendship with the high-living first couple of the Philippines. It was also predictable that when the going got tough, they should extend a helping hand to each other.

That, according to Khashoggi, is exactly what he did when he handed over a £10 million cheque to Imelda for a collection of Rubens, El Greco and some two dozen other Old Masters in 1985, a time when the Marcoses knew their ruling days were numbered and wanted to prepare a little something for retirement. For the US and Filipino prosecutors, the one-time "richest man in the world" was up to more than that.

They say he needed money to shore up his own haemorrhaging empire so he acted effectively as a high-class fence for the Marcos fine art and went on to set up a fairly simple fraud to transfer ownership of a \$100 million of Manhattan property in the form of four big commercial buildings, now worth more than \$300 million.

Now, thanks to the celebrated tenacity of Rudolph Giuliani, the crusading New York prosecutor who is running for mayor, Khashoggi — the man who long operated from a flying penthouse and consorted with sultans, princes and film stars — is in a Swiss jail awaiting extradition.

The Marcos-Khashoggi connection goes back to the 1970s to become the biggest arms dealer of the era.

Once reputed to be the richest man in the world, the 53-year-old entrepreneur has been arrested in Switzerland at the request of the FBI. US wants him extradited on charges of racketeering. He is alleged to have helped former dictator Ferdinand Marcos and his wife Imelda hide art treasures plundered in the Philippines. Just what is his relationship with the Marcoses?

When the oil money began running out in the early 1980s, Khashoggi's luck faltered and his empire began crumbling. He turned increasingly towards property development in the United States, where he had started out in business as a California student, and towards business in the East, where he was close to the Sultan of Brunei, as well as his old friends the Marcoses.

Whether he knew it or not, the Filipino couple were at that time draining their country's coffers of hundreds of millions and possibly billions of dollars, and sinking the money in foreign bank accounts, property and art, according to the prosecutors.

Khashoggi said he spent \$30 million of his own money helping start the arms sale to Iran in 1985. He lost about \$7 million, according to his associates, accelerating his financial decline, but worse, he was believed to have lost the favour of his protectors, who were angered at his dealing with Israel. Though impossible to confirm, the word among insiders in Washington was that Khashoggi also lost a degree of protection from the US administration, and in

particular the CIA, after the Iranian deal broke in late 1986. This helped clear the way for Giuliani and his prosecutors to move against him, along with the Marcoses, on the whole array of racketeering and fraud charges.

His alleged 1986 dealings with the Marcoses were part of a pattern of turning to corrupt dictators, the FBI says, which included transactions with Jean-Claude Duvalier, the deposed but still mega-rich Haitian dictator, who moved to a house owned by Khashoggi in the south of France.

Giuliani and his men began piecing together the Marcos-Khashoggi jigsaw soon after the couple fled the Philippines in February 1986.

They tracked much of the art collection, including Cezanne, Degas, Picasso and Veronese, to Khashoggi. In the spring that year, the paintings were packed into 15 crates and flown to Nice, driven to Monaco and loaded onto the yacht Nabilia, then owned by Khashoggi, which was berthed in the harbour. The extradition charges against Khashoggi accuse him of selling most of the collection from the yacht, though in 1987, after searches by French police and

questions from US agents, he handed nine paintings, worth some \$2 million, over to the authorities.

These were flown back to America aboard the plane of Edwin Meese, the then Attorney-General, who was attending an Interpol conference in Paris at the time. The FBI suspect that Khashoggi may have sold the paintings to himself, through a Panamanian company, the Interconsult Eastern Corporation.

The US authorities and lawyers for creditors were closely following Khashoggi's property business before the Marcos connection emerged.

The initial legwork for unravelling the alleged

Manhattan swindle was done,

not by Giuliani's men, but by an aggrieved former Marcos

associate who claimed the

former president had swindled

him out of a 1985 contract to

sell him four Manhattan

properties — the Crown

Building on Fifth Avenue, the

Herald Centre in the prime

department store district of 34th

Street and Broadway, 200

Madison Avenue and the 70-

storey 40 Wall Street building.

When he went to conclude the

deal, Joseph Bernstein was told

that Khashoggi, not Marcos,

owned the buildings. He was

shown a 1985 contract, signed in

Panama, which transferred

ownership to the Saudi. But

Bernstein's private detectives

unearthed American Express

charges, telex dates and

Panamanian immigration

documents to show that the

parties to the contract had not

been in Panama on the claimed

date of signature.

Evidence

The evidence was handed to

Giuliani, who was forced by the

White House to redraft his

charges against Marcos, an old

Reagan ally, but by last

October, the President was

convinced that the former

Philippines president and his

wife had committed crimes

while on US territory and gave

the green light. Indictments

were filed against the Marcoses

and Khashoggi, as well as seven

associates, and FBI affidavits

were released, giving all the

details of the alleged

Transactions

Khashoggi is accused of racketeering, fraud

and obstruction of justice. He

also faces, along with the

Marcoses, a charge of

defrauding US banks of more

than \$165 million that was

borrowed to finance the

properties. The racketeering law

allowed the prosecutors to

freeze the defendants' assets

associated with the alleged

wrong-doing. In Khashoggi's

case, this meant his American

bank accounts and also his

spectacular two-floor

apartment plus swimming pool

in the Olympic Towers on Fifth

Avenue.

With typical bravado, Adnan

Khashoggi thought he was

invincible. His Los Angeles-

based lawyer, Frank Morse,

pleaded with the arms dealer to

stay in Saudi Arabia until the

legal fire-works surrounding his

business relationship with

Marcos had subsided. Earlier

last month he wanted to go for

his regular annual health check-

up in Baden-Baden in West

Germany. But he was advised

against travelling there. So he

boiled up in the luxury

Schweizerhof hotel in Berne.

This time he reckoned without

the controversial new spirit of

judicial co-operation between

US and Swiss authorities.

"The Swiss have been

extremely co-operative," says

David Runkel of the Justice

Department in Washington.

"They moved immediately on

recognising our request."

Khashoggi's lawyers are

vehemently denying any wrong

doing. Morse says Khashoggi

had no reason to suspect that he

was to be arrested. "We were in

the process of challenging the

indictment when he was

arrested. The real target here is

Marcos. Adnan is an also-ran in

that case."

"The man is finished," says

Said Aburish, Palestinian

author of *Pay Off*, a best-selling

expose of wheeling and dealing

in the arms trade in the Arab

world.

A different view comes from

Khashoggi's friend Miles

Copeland, the former CIA chief

Not mentioned by Copeland

is Khashoggi's central role in

the Iran-Contra affair.

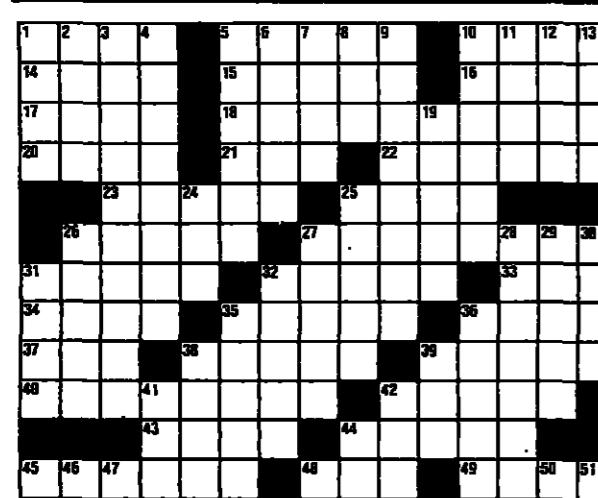


Best friends? Khashoggi and wife Lamia and (right) Imelda and Ferdinand Marcos. (Below) Khashoggi in a Swiss police picture.



at his door, he told a friend: "Once when I was a student my father took a pocketful of coins and threw them on a marble floor. 'Don't they make a nice noise,' he said. 'You wouldn't hear that if you threw them on the carpet'."

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

Both vulnerable. North deals.

NORTH

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◊ A Q J 10 7 6 4
♣ 5

WEST

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▽ 9 7 4
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♣ 8 7 4 3



A child draws happily during treatment.



Both parents and volunteers watch over painters.



Dr Ahd Al Ghanim, director of the Amiri Hospital, praises and supports the volunteers.



Both amateurs and professionals readily help to decorate the walls.

Dear Junior Readers,

We are now in the last few days of Ramadan. This is a very holy part of the month. The part of the month when the skies open to grant wishes to all those who have fasted, prayed and recited the Holy Quran throughout Ramadan.

Nobody really knows when "Lailat Al Qadar" is. Many people think that it is on the down of the 27th of Ramadan and the late evening of the 26th.

So all of you have been good worshippers during this "Holy month, start wishing. But ask for things that do not harm others. Things which may be granted. Things like success, good health and happiness.

However, as I have already said, do not wish harm to anybody, because if you feel that they deserve it, your judgement may be a bit biased. If they truly do not deserve harm, your wish may be reversed and you'd only harm yourself.

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Clue: Book of maps (5 letters)

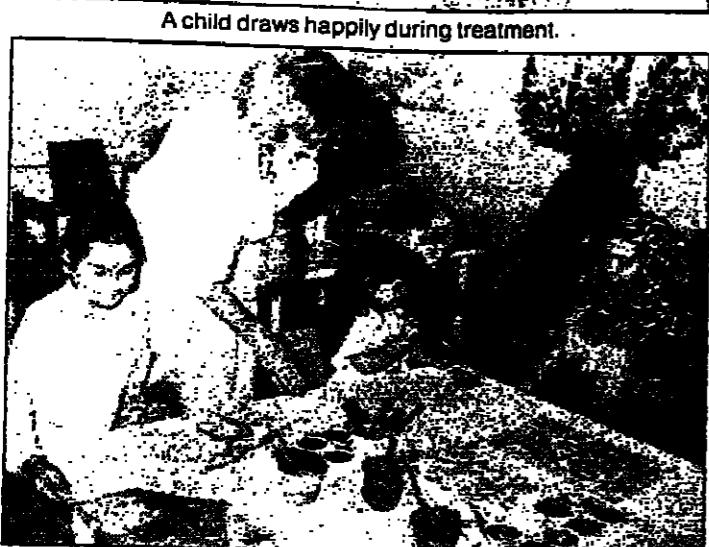
Happy birthday



Sameer Sharma celebrated his 4th birthday on April 28. Best wishes and many happy returns from family, sister Shilpa and friends.



Reem Mahmoud and Iman Ayad both recently celebrated their united birthdays. Reem turned two years and Iman one year. They celebrated their birthdays by a grand united-party. Best wishes come from their friends, family and relatives.



Photographs by Amer Jidid



A child comfortably plays in the playroom



Patients seem to enjoy painting most.



A volunteer watches a talented artist.



Before: a commonly dull ward bedroom.



After: instant life, bedroom, now appreciated by the young.

Ha! Ha!

Have you heard the joke about the dustcart? It's a load of rubbish. What does the Indian ghost

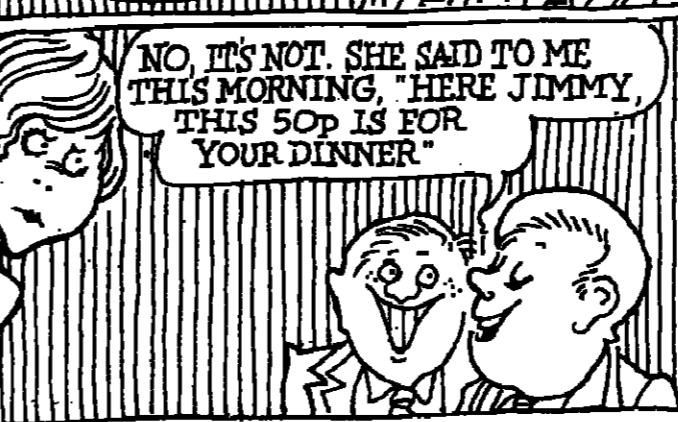
live in?

How do ghosts get through locked doors?

They use skeleton keys.

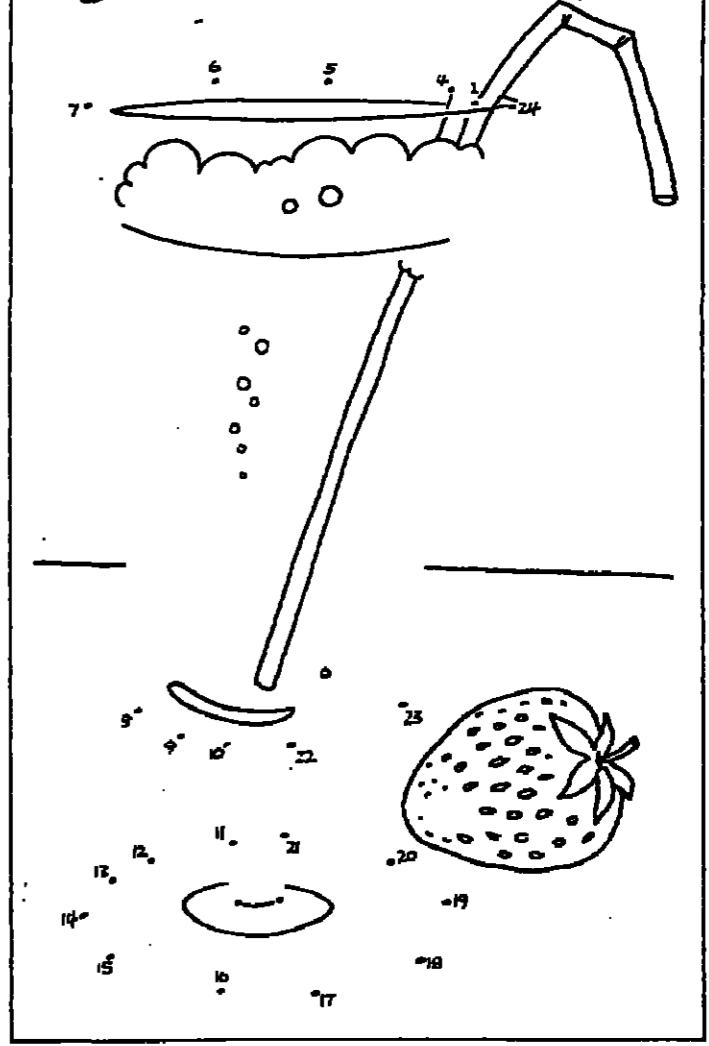
Where do ghosts go at Christmas time?

To see the Phantomime.



Join the dots and then colour the picture in refreshing bright colours.

SUMMER



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Seles stuns Evert for first professional title

HOUSTON, May 1. (Reuter): Fifteen-year-old Monica Seles of Yugoslavia topped top seed Chris Evert 3-6 6-4 6-4 yesterday to win the \$250,000 Houston women's tennis tournament for the first professional title of her career.

Seles, playing in just her fifth professional tournament and contesting her first final, rose to the occasion against the 34-year-old American whose 157 career tennis titles rank as the most in the sport's history.

The Yugoslav teenager had won just three games from Evert in their only previous meet-

ing and said that going into the match she did not think she had a chance to win.

"I just came into the tournament hoping to play my best. Yesterday when I got to the final, I thought I wouldn't have a chance against Chris. I thought the same thing after the first set," said Seles, who has not played long enough on the circuit to have a computer ranking.

Seles, a lefthander, won the majority of the long rallies in the second set by controlling the points with her two-handed groundstrokes.

In the third set, Seles broke Evert in the

third game for 0-30 and in the fifth game at love to take a 4-1 lead.

Seles served for the match at 5-2 after the two traded service breaks in the sixth and seventh games, but Evert rallied to 4-5 with several crafty drop shots.

In the 10th game, Evert saved the first match point with a forehand drop shot, but her campaign to win a fourth straight Houston title fell short when she netted another drop shot on the second match point after a typical 24-stroke rally.



Marathon
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Mancini upsets Becker

19-year-old Argentine wins Monte Carlo Open



Mancini lifts his trophy.
(Reuter wirephoto)

MONTE CARLO, May 1. (Reuter): Nineteen-year-old Argentine Alberto Mancini followed his surprise win over Mats Wilander by beating Boris Becker to win the Monte Carlo Open yesterday.

Mancini, the 14th seed, threw his arms into the air in triumph at the end of a gritty display in which he beat the West German 7-5 2-6 7-6 7-5 in a thrilling match lasting more than four hours.

"To beat Wilander and Becker on the centre court at Monte Carlo is unbelievable," Mancini said after receiving the winner's trophy from Prince Albert of Monaco. "It's like a dream."

Mancini's semifinal win over Wilander was his second over the Swede in a month after beating him in Key Biscayne.

Becker had played brilliantly all week on the clay court surfaces he least favours but in the final his most potent weapon, his big serve, let him down.

Against him he found a highly gifted young player not only on the crest of a wave but also

prepared to fight every last cause.

After two magnificent opening sets of tennis in which the ball was travelling low over the net at astonishing speed from two powerful hitters, Becker seemed to be getting on top in the third.

He broke Mancini's serve three times but each time the Argentine gritted his teeth and broke straight back before finally winning a tiebreaker 7-4.

Becker looked certain to take the match into a fifth set for the first time ever at Monte Carlo when he led 5-3 in the fourth.

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Jimmy Connors, ranked 31st in the world and rising, is an interesting looking contender for the French Open starting in Paris on May 29.

He bubbled with confidence after his great win. "I expect to do well at Roland Garros. It's the most important tournament for me," he said.

Mancini, who packs a formidable drive on both forehand and backhand, said: "I think I played a great match."

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Paris marathon

Japanese runner Kazue Kojima crosses the finish line as she wins the women's section of the Paris marathon on Sunday. The men's section was won by Steve Brace of Britain. (Reuter wirephoto)

Agassi blasts past Chang for AT & T title

ROSWELL, Georgia, May 1. (UPI): Andre Agassi, crushed Michael Chang for the second time in a week yesterday, winning the \$280,000 AT and T Challenge with a 6-3, 6-2 victory over the California teenager.

"My goal is to run him over from corner to corner and make him work so hard that he makes a mistake or I hit a winner," said Agassi, who pocketed \$100,000 for the victory. "I wanted him to make a lot of unforced errors. I'm definitely playing the best tennis of my career right now and couldn't be more confident."

Agassi, who celebrated his 19th birthday Saturday with a semifinal victory over Yannick Noah, ran Chang from side to side throughout the 1:14 match, pounding topspin groundstrokes deep into the corners of the clay court.

Ripped

Chang, who lost 6-1, 6-0 to Agassi in the round-robin portion of the tournament before upsetting top-seeded Ivan Lendl in a three-set semifinal Saturday, took home \$50,000 for his runner-up finish.

On the few occasions Chang ventured to the net, Agassi ripped shots past him or hit winning topspin lobs over him.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Counties given cash incentive

LONDON, May 1. (Reuter): English counties have received a cash incentive to beat the touring Australian cricketers, who arrived here yesterday for their four-month tour. A prize fund of \$75,000 has been set up by the drinks company who are sponsoring the Australian team.

Johnson helps Lakers beat Trail Blazers

NEW YORK, May 1. (AP): Magic Johnson scored 35 points, 20 as Los Angeles took control in the first half, and had 12 assists as the two-time defending NBA champion Lakers beat Portland Trail Blazers 113-105 yesterday for a 2-0 lead in their playoff series. In other NBA playoff series games, it was Detroit 102, Boston 93; Cleveland 96, Chicago 88; Seattle 109, Houston 97; and Phoenix 132, Denver 114.

Ramos takes US past Costa Rica

FENTON, Missouri, May 1. (UPI): Tab Ramos scored in the 72nd minute and goalkeeper David Vanole stopped a penalty kick in the closing minutes yesterday, lifting the United States to a 1-0 victory over Costa Rica in a World Cup qualifying match.

Hoch wins Las Vegas golf tournament

LAS VEGAS, May 1. (Reuter): Scott Hoch sank a dramatic 10-foot putt on the fifth hole of a sudden-death playoff to defeat Robert Wrenn and win the Las Vegas Invitational golf tournament yesterday.

Postlewait holds on for Hermitage victory

NASHVILLE, Tenn., May 1. (Reuter): Kathy Postlewait held on to her overnight lead by shooting a three-under-par 69 for a one-stroke victory in the \$425,000 Hermitage Classic women's golf tournament yesterday.

Foreman knocks out Williamson

GALVESTON, Texas, May 1. (AP): Forty-year-old George Foreman stopped J.B. Williamson with a flurry of punches in the fifth round yesterday at the Moddy Centre to remain undefeated in his comeback bid. Foreman immediately challenged heavyweight champion Mike Tyson. Foreman, former heavyweight world champion, improved his overall record to 61-2. He is 17-0 since coming out of retirement two years ago.

Reynolds expects to break 400m record again

PHILADELPHIA, May 1. (Reuter): World 400 metres record holder Harry "Butch" Reynolds and Lee Evans, the man whose 20-year-old Mark Reynolds broke last year, are now a team and that should produce another record this summer, Reynolds says. "I'm thinking very seriously about running a sub-43 (second) 400," Reynolds told Reuters in an interview at the Penn relays, where he revealed he is now being coached by Evans.

Dunlop completes Italian Guineas double

ROME, May 1. (Reuter): Sikeston completed a Guineas double for British trainer John Dunlop when the colt landed yesterday's Premio Paroli (the Italian 2,000 Guineas) by a length and a quarter from the French-trained Lioonbovnik at the Capannelle. A week ago Dunlop won the Italian 1,000 Guineas with Miss Secreto.

WBA to expel boxers found using drugs

CONTADORA ISLAND, May 1. (Reuter): Boxers who test positive for drug use will be expelled from membership in the World Boxing Association, WBA presidency Gilberto Mendoza said yesterday.

Nine hurt as car runs into spectators

PALMA DE MAJORCA, Spain, May 1. (Reuter): Nine people were injured when a car practising for a motor rally on the Balearic island of Majorca ploughed into spectators yesterday, police said. The car, a Renault 5-Turbo driven by Spanish Lorenzo Carbonell, spun off the road on a sharp bend. One of the injured was in a serious condition.

Whitaker retains IBF title

NORFOLK, Va., May 1. (Reuter): American Pernell Whitaker retained his International Boxing Federation (IBF) lightweight championship yesterday when the referee stopped his bout against Luis Lomeli of Italy with 20 seconds left in the third round.

Davis heads for sixth world title

SHEFFIELD, England, May 1. (Reuter): Steve Davis surged mercilessly towards a record-equalling sixth title by taking a daunting 13-3 lead over John Parrott on the opening day of the World Snooker Championship final yesterday.

Brazilian wins Madrid marathon

MADRID, May 1. (Reuter): Jose Cesar Souza of Brazil won the Madrid marathon yesterday in two hours 15 minutes 16 seconds. Jose Mari Fernandez of Spain, running his first marathon, was second in 2:17:47 followed by Juan Antonio Tineo of Spain, last year's winner, in 2:18:22.

Carling ruled out of Lions tour

LONDON, May 1. (Reuter): England captain and centre Will Carling will miss the British Lions Rugby Union tour to Australia in June and July because of a leg injury. Damage to his lower left tibia has been diagnosed as a stress fracture which needs three months' rest.

Results

Bridge

RESULTS of the Westminster System 17 bridge game on Sunday, April 23.

N/S

1. Bassam Salah & John Burke

2. Ali Bakr & Sheba Radia

3. Blanca Mousall & Ahmed Tawil

E/W

1. Mamoud Sabry & Saad Elhamed

2. Ina Sayers & Narendra Shah

3. Mohammed El Sayed & Ahmed Hneidi

Results of the Hubara Centre Bridge Club game held on Saturday, April 22.

N/S

1. Salman Ali & K.T. Simon

2. Sultan Ali & Alan Mousall

3. Mohammed Merchant & Carsten Bus

E/W

1. E.M. Blaikie & Kamal Arifch

2. Beatrice Perrin & Oliver D'Souza

Sharing third: John Burke & Tomar and Camilla Gurnup & George Massoud

Results of the Messilah Ladies Bridge Club game held on April 24.

1. Jamil Akel & Margaret Rob-Watkinson

Sharing third: Nida Khalaf & Subendar Osay

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2. Nida Khalaf & Lolle Muthwane

Results of the Regency Ladies Bridge Club game held on April 25.

1. Jamil Akel & Lolle Muthwane

2. Jamil Akel & Margaret Rob-Watkinson

Sharing third: Nida Khalaf & Subendar Osay, Camille Sawaline & Khouda Tamaz and Suhra Fozan & Irene Shabat

Results of Marathon bridge game held on April 26.

1. Farah & Al Zaid

2. Tah & Salman

3. Hneidi & Shera

Cricket

Sunday League

LONDON, May 1. (Reuter): Results of English Sunday League (40 overs) cricket matches:

At Hove: Kent beat Sussex by seven wickets. Sussex 110 in 35 overs (A. Iglesias five for 13, C. Cowdrey three for 18). Kent 114 for three in 37.1 overs. Kent four points.

At Leicester: Derbyshire beat Leicestershire by 82 runs. Derbyshire 187 for 8 in 37 overs (K. Barnett 77). Leicestershire 105 in 31.5 overs (D. Gower 42 O. Morris three for 12, R. Sharma 76 not out). Essex four points.

At Chelmsford: Essex beat Middlesex by eight wickets. Middlesex 130 in 34 overs closed (J. Stephenson three for 27, N. Foster two for 12). Essex 134 for three in 34.5 overs (G. Gooch 76 not out). Essex four points.

At Old Trafford: Lancashire beat Nottinghamshire by seven wickets. Nottinghamshire 182 for 5 in 35 overs (D. Broad 54). Lancashire 186 for three in 37.4 overs (N. Fairhurst 63, D. Gower 47 O. Morris 67). Northamptonshire 505 in 191.7 overs and 33 for no wicket. Northamptonshire four points.

At The Oval: Surrey beat Hampshire by five wickets. Hampshire 114 for nine in 34 overs (M. Feltham three for 16). Surrey 115 for five in 39.1 overs (G. Clinton 45). Surrey four points.

County championship

LONDON, May 1. (Reuter): Score in four-day English County Championship cricket matches yesterday:

At Gloucester: Gloucester beat Gloucestershire by 10 wickets. Gloucestershire 265 in 85.3 overs and 291 (A. Wright 130, W. Athey 63, D. Capel four for 67). Northamptonshire 505 in 191.7 overs and 33 for no wicket. Northamptonshire four points.

At Edgbaston: Match drawn. Worcestershire 143 in 33.2 overs and 160 for five declared (I. Cuthbert 55 not out). Rhodes 42 (one out). Worcester 99 for 4 overs and 204 for six (A. Miles 85). Warwickshire 12 points (Warwickshire receive an extra eight points as the side batting

SPORTS

Langer records first win for 12 months

VALENCIA, May 1. (Reuters): Bernhard Langer ended months of putting misery by nervously notching his first victory for a year in the Spanish Open golf tournament yesterday.

For 15 holes the West German struggled to withstand the challenge of Britain's Paul Carrigill and Spain's Jose-Maria Canizares after he twice missed simple putts on the front nine to turn in 37 and then carded a six on the 11th.

Carrigill and Canizares moved level with overnight leader Langer at five under par when they birdied the 15th.

But then Langer proved he had beaten his latest attack of putting 'yips' by switching to an orthodox grip and rolling in a 30-foot putt for a three at the 16th and hitting a three iron to within 12 inches at the 17th and tapping in for a two.

The spectacular finish gave him a level-par final round of 72, enough for a seven-under 281 total and a three stroke margin over Carrigill, who carded 73, and Canizares, who shot a 70.

For Langer, who won £41,600 (\$70,700) it was a win which proved he can still triumph at the highest level after a year dogged by doubts over his putting.

Spain's Jose-Maria Olazabal shot a 73 for fourth place on 285, enough to go top of the Ryder Cup League table and the European Order of Merit.

Jordan Rally postponed

THE Jordan International Rally, the third round of the 1989 FISA Middle East Championship, was postponed yesterday because of the country's internal problems.

Originally scheduled to take place from May 17 to 19, the rally is now likely to be switched to a new date in mid-August.

The rally organisers said they postponed the event following a request from the Jordanian government.

"It was felt that the atmosphere here at the moment was not conducive to motor sport," said Derek Ledger, chairman of the organising committee and clerk of the course.

"The route of the rally goes through areas where there have been some problems. This is

unfortunate, but the decision to postpone the rally was inevitable in the circumstances."

Drivers' reaction to the news was summed up by Middle East champion Mohammed Bin Sulayem, who is chasing a third successive victory in Jordan in his Winston Toyota Celica GT-4.

"It's very disappointing to hear that the rally has been postponed, but the organisers have taken the only decision open to them," said the UAE star.

"Hopefully the problems in Jordan will be resolved soon and a new date will be fixed for the rally. It is one of my favourite events, and I think everyone looks forward to going to Jordan."

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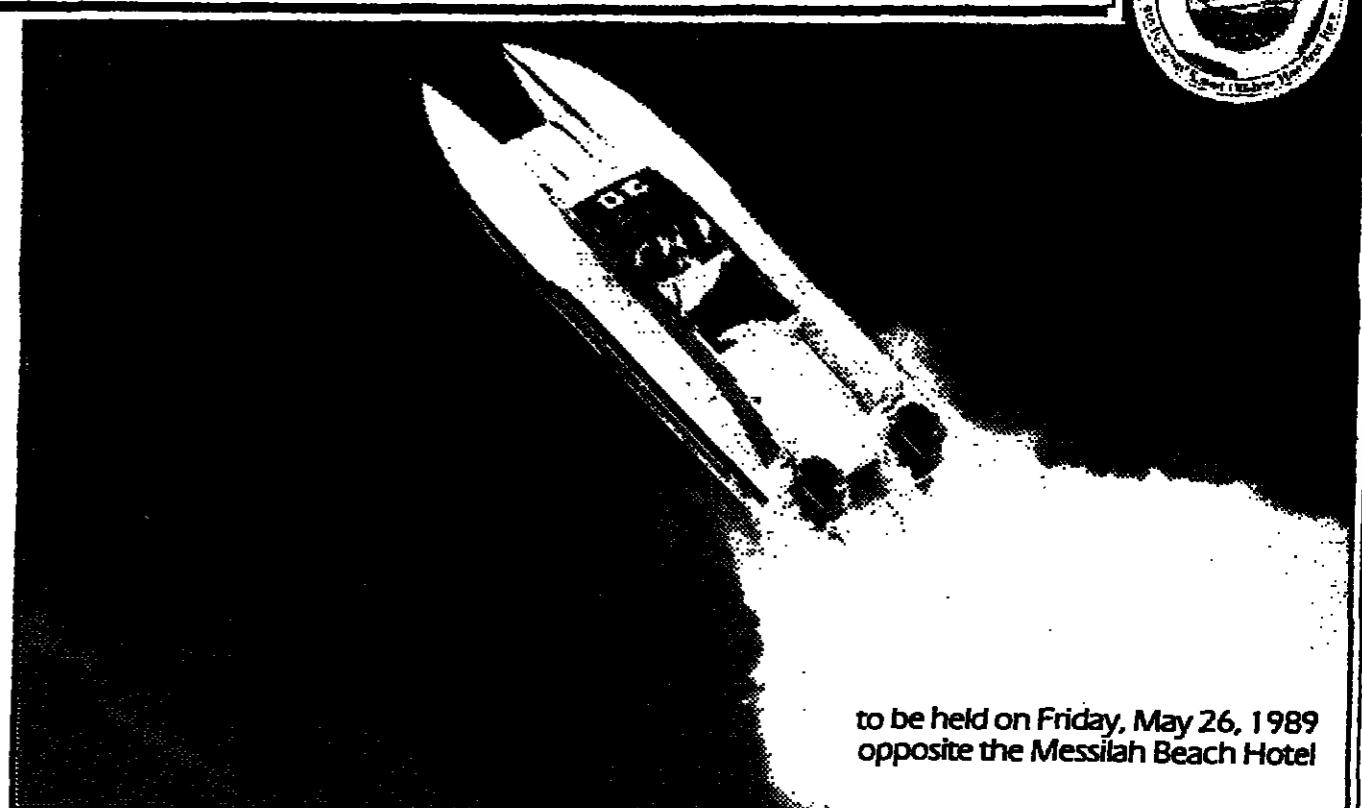
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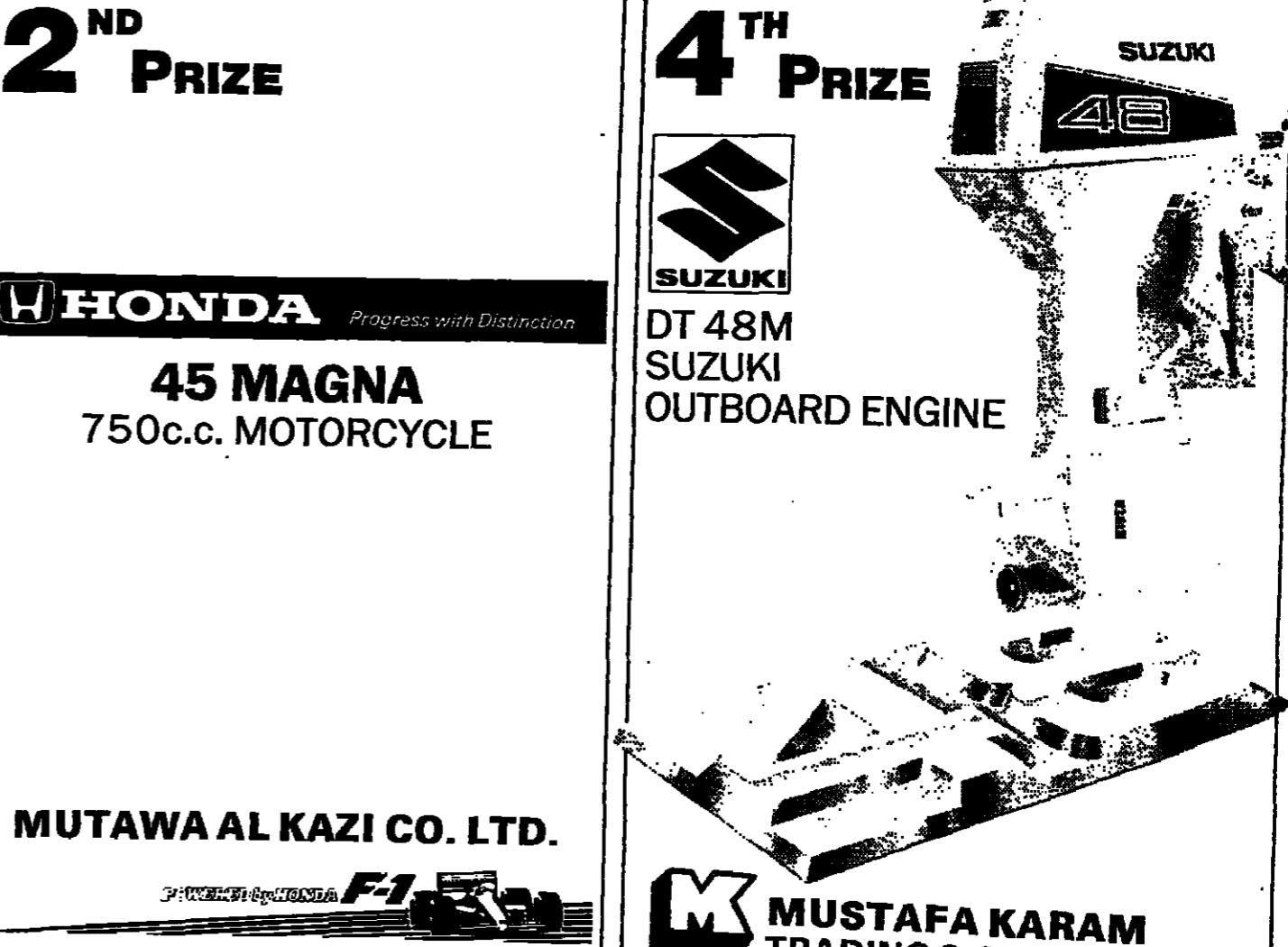
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